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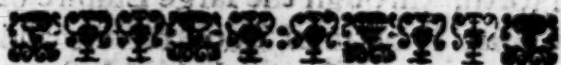
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**C**N the Thirtieth day of January, 1665, I went in the company of Mr. Carlos Datz, to visit Father John Grueber at his arrival from *Constantinople*. About two years since, he came out of *China*, where he had resided full three years. He began his pilgrimage at *Venice*, where he took shipping for *Smyrna*; from thence, by Land, he marched to *Orange* in five months; from thence to *Macao* in seven; so from the South Coast he travelled to the

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North, through the large Empire of China, sometimes upon Rivers and commodious Channels, and sometimes by Land, and at last he got safe to the City of *Pekin*. In his return from thence, he adventured to pass, and survey a Countrey which was never yet seen before, by any in Europe; namely, The unfruitful Sands of the Deserts of *Tartaria*; which he passed over in three days, and came to the Coast of an Island Sea called *Kokonor*, not much unlike to the *Cassian*. The River *Janhu* that runs through China with a strange rapidity, & discharges it self into the *Oriental Sea*, near the Island of *Cureu*, hath here its source. This River is the deepest and largest of all that Countrey. Afterwards this adventurous Traveller, lost the sight of the Sea to enter further into the Land, into the Province of *Toktokai*, which is so barren

barren and wild, that none of the Neighboring people can have any temptation to dispossess the antient Inhabitants. Nothing is there remarkable, but only some few dispersed Tents of the *Tartars*, who lead a most miserable life.

The beautiful River *Toktokai*, which is as large as *Danubius*, but so shallow, that any Man, on Horseback, may ford it over in the deepest place, watereth this blessed Country, and gives unto it a name. From hence our Traveller passed through the Province of *Tangut*, which is very populous and belongs to the Kingdom of *Barantola*; he visited, in his way, the City of *Retink*, and the Kingdom of *Barantola*, the Metropolis is called *Lassa*, and the present King *Teva*. He is of a very antient and noble Family of the *Tartars* of *Tangut*. His ordinary Residence is at *Butala*, a lofty Castle built according to the *European* mode

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mode upon a high Hill, having Buildings of four stories, of very good and regular workmanship. The Court of this Prince is numerous, and his attendants are extream lavish in their apparel, which is, for the most part, of Cloath of Gold, and of embroidered Stuffs. Nevertheless this Nation is generally very sluttish, and unhandsome in their attire: Neither Men nor Women wear lining next to their skin. Their common Bed is the ground, their ordinary food is raw Flesh, and they are not so scrupulous to wash their hands or faces; but they appear very kind and courteous to strangers. Their Women have the liberty to walk about the Streets, as amongst the other *Tartars*; but their other Customs are like to those of *China*.

Their Arch-Priest or Musty is called *Lamacongin*, whom they reverence as God, and believe to be related

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related to their first King, but they name him the Brother of all the the Kings of the World. They are perswaded that he riseth from the dead as often as he dies, and that this Man hath already risen seven times. The Kings and Polititians of that Countrey labor, by subtil means, to entertain the common people, in this strange belief, and the *Lamacongim* himself contributes to it; for he keeps his face always covered, and suffers none to look upon it, but such as are acquainted with the mystery. The Nobility do mightily respect him; some of them come to that point of adoration, as to covet that which is incredible, and to carry it about as a sacred relick: From *Barantola*, Father *Grueber* travelled to the Kingdom of *Nekpal*, and in a moneths time passed through it. The two principal Towns are *Catmandir* and *Patan*, situate on the Banks of a River op-

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posite to one another. This latter is a young Prince very well accomplished; he commands all the *Militia* of the Kingdom as General. When Father *Grueber* was there, he was at the head of a great Army marching against a Neighboring King called *Varcam*, who made frequent inroads to spoil the Countrey. The Jesuites gave this young Prince a Prospective Glass, through which he caused him to look at a place where *Varcam's* Army lay encamped; he found it so nigh, that he gave order presently to make ready and prepare for the fight, for he perceived not that this propinquity was but an effect of the Glass. This present was acceptable to him.

From *Nekpal* our Traveller went, in five days, to the Kingdom of *Moranga*, where he could see no City, but only small Houses covered with Straw, and little Huts, one appointed for a Custom-House. The King  
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of *Moranga* pays a yearly tribute of 250000 Rixdollers, and seven Elephants to the *Mogol*. From *Moranga* he travelled into that part of *India* which is beyond the River *Ganges*, and came to *Minapor*, the Metropolis of that Countrey; where he passed over that River, which is twice as big as the *Danubius*. From thence he went to *Ratan*; and from that City, in five and twenty days, to *Agra*, the Royal City of that part of *India*, which is on this side *Ganges*. From thence to *Laur* in fourteen days. This City is built upon the Banks of the River *Ravi*, which is as large as *Danubius*, it runs into *India*, near *Multaia*. There he took Boat and was carried down the River, in forty days to *Tata*, the utmost City of *Indostan*, the ordinary residence of the Viceroy of that Countrey; his name is *Laskarkan*, there he met with many *English* and *Dutch* Marchants.



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From this place he failed to *Ormuz* by Sea, from *Ormuz* he went to *Persia*, afterwards he returned back to *Smyrna*, where he took shipping and arrived safe at *Messina*; from thence he went to *Rome*, where he received an expresse command to go back again to *China*. For that purpose he travelled into *Germany* and *Polonia*, hoping to find another way through *Muscovia*. By the Emperors procurement, he had got Passports from the Dukes of *Curland* and *Muscovia*. But when he was so far on his way as the Borders of *Muscovia*, he understood that the King of *Poland* and the *Tartars* had made a conjunction of their Forces, with an intent to attempt upon the Duke of *Muscovia*. By this means he was diverted in his passage to *Musco*; for the fear of the dangers and difficulties in time of War, brought him back to *Vienna*, where he arrived at a convenient time when the Empe-  
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ror was dispatching an Ambassador, Count *Lesbley* by name, to *Constantinople*. The Jesuite took this opportunity to travel thither with a resolution, from thence to go forward in his intended journey: But when he came to *Constantinople*, he was mightily incommoded with a great rheume, with shortness of breath, and with violent pains in his stomach; so that being not able to proceed on in his journey, he went aboard a Ship bound for *Legorne*; from whence he was carried to *Florence*, where he remained about eight days. In this time he was pretty well recovered of his distemper, so that he could go afterwards to *Venice*; from whence he passed through *Friuli* to *Vienna*, with an intent, by that way, to return to *Constantinople*, that he might travel afterwards to *China*, according to the orders of his General.

This Father is about forty five years of age, of a jovial temper, extraordinary civil, as sincere as a *German*, his conversation is very pleasant; in a word, he hath so many good qualities, and is so gallant a Man, that though he were not a Jesuite, all the World would esteem and love him.

Monsieur *Carlos Dati* had seen him, the day before we had any discourse with him, in the With-drawing Room of Prince *Leopold*, where he was entered into a conversation with him, which lasted not long; for the Father was called away and introduced into his Highnesses presence. After this first acquaintance, he intreated him to give him satisfaction to some questions that he had a desire to make him concerning *China*, which request the Father granted in an obliging manner.

First, Mr. *Dati* desired to know, whether the present King of *China* is

is the Son of the last Conqueror of that Kingdom? Where he kept his Court? Whether in *China*? or in *Tartaria*? The Father answered, that he was but his Grandchild; for the Grandfather being invited and brought in by the Rebellious Eunuchs in the year 1646. He conquered all *China*, as Father *Martinius* hath written at large in his History of *China*. He told us, that the present King of that Countrey is about twelve or thirteen years of age; that he resides at *Pekin*, the cheif City of the Kingdom, that his Father and Grandfather also did dwell there, according to *Machiavels* Rule; for he adviseth a Prince when he intends to keep in his hands a Countrey newly subdued to his Scepter, where the Inhabitants differ from him in Language, Customs, and Laws, to go and make there his abode. This is a Policy not so subtil, but that the  
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*Tartarians* have very well understood and practised it.

We inquired next, what kind of *Militia* they had ? And how the *Chineses* were treated by their *Tartarian* Kings ?

He told us, that the most part of the Soldiers of the Kingdom were *Tartars*, unless it be the Kings Guard which is a Body of about 40000 Men armed with Muskets and Bows of *Corea* or *Japonia*, for the most part. That the Inhabitants were not oppressed with Taxes, nor treated worse then by their former Kings; for they have all kind of Liberty and Freedom of Religion. The antient Laws are yet maintained in force all over the Countrey, and Justice is administred by Judges that are natural *Chineses*, only there is this alteration, a *Tartarian* must assit in every Court with a limited Authority, which suffers him to alter nothing of the antient Customs and Laws of the Countrey. We

We desired him to tell us, what manner of Government they had under the King?

At *Pekin*, replied the Father, there are nine Judges or Courts of Judicature; and so it is in all other Cities of the Kingdom, where they are called by the same names, and hear the same causes.

The first and highest Court is called *Li-pu*, where half are *Chineses*, and half are *Tartars*. It judges all Causes proceeding out of other Courts of the Kingdom, by way of Appeal, of what nature or business soever. The second is named also *Li-pu*, but here the syllable *Li* is pronounced in a different manner from the first, for in the former it signifies *Reason*; but in this latter word it imports *Ceremony*. This Court is the *Forum Ecclesiasticum* that judges of all differences between the Learned; and decides all matters of controversy in Religion.

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The third is stiled *Pim-pu*, which examines the affairs of the *Militia*. The fourth is for offenders, or the Criminal Court called *Nim-pu*. The fifth is named *Cho-pu*, appointed for the Kings Treasury, as the *Exchequer* is amongst us. The sixth is *Cum-pu*, which hath a care of all the Kings Buildings and publick Structures, and Edifices. The seventh is to see to the payment of all the Kings Officers and Attendants in his Family. The eighth hath an inspection over the Kings Kitchen and Table. The Father had forgot the names of the two latter Courts, and of the businesses examined in the other.

In every City, these nine Courts are erected subordinate to one another; for example, that of one City, appointed for the *Militia*, is under the jurisdiction of the Provincial Court, which is in the chief City of the Province; and from that, and all others, Men appeal

to the *Metropolis* of the Kingdom for the *Militia*, from whence they may appeal to the highest Court, which is the *Li-pu*, when it is a business of great importance.

From this Tribunal, there can be no appeal further, but to the Kings person, which is never granted without the punishment of one hundred bastinadoes, which every one must patiently endure before he can be admitted to the Kings presence. The manner of giving them is very cruel; the poor wretch is forced to lye down upon the ground, upon his Belly, with his middle and back-side naked, two men sit one against another upon his Neck and Legs, with two great *Indian Canes* in their hands attempered before in water, that they might be more pliable, then they strike one after another; he that sits at the Head, strikes upon the Hips, and the other upon the Back, one after another so fast, that



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that they are forced to stop sometimes, and suffer the patient to breathe; for otherwise they would beat the breath out of his Body. The *Mandarins*, that is to say, the Noblemen of the Countrey, and the *Tartars*, do commonly inflict this kind of punishment upon their servants, for the least offence. He that is forced to undergo this misery before he can come into the Kings presence, proceeds in this manner. He is to cast in a stone at the Kings Chamber Window, then he is commanded to come in; and if the King perceives that he suffers bravely the first bastinadoes in such a manner, that declares his cause to be just, and the greatness of his oppression, he commands the Executioners to forbear, and the party to relate his business. If it appears then, that any injustice hath been done him, all that have had any hand in the judging of the matter before,



before, are happy if they are discharged, only for the loss of their Offices; for commonly they are condemned to die.

I asked the Father, whether there were none left of the Race of the last Kings that reigned in *China*. For Monsieur *Dati* said, that some affirm that a Son of the former King of *China* had escaped into an adjacent Island where he doth now live.

The Father assured us, that if we did but consider where that Island was situate, that it was enough to convince us of the falshood of that report: For it is in the Oriental part of *China*, therefore in such a case the Prince was to pass and travel many moneths through the whole Body of the *Tartarian* Army, and conquered Territories, for they were come that way into *China*; which is a thing not possible to be performed. The King his  
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Father that reigned then, was become effeminate by his lascivious behavior. He seldom shewed himself out of his Palace, more than once a year, leaving the Government of the Kingdom and Army, to 10000 treacherous Eunuchs that had called in the *Tartars*, who had subdued three whole Provinces, and besieged the City of *Pekin* round about, before the King knew any thing of their attempts upon his Government.

This sudden approach and surprise, cast him into such a despair, that he resolved to die. In order to it, he writ with his own blood upon a Busquin of white Damask these words. *God preserve the new King, let him not trust my Counsellors, but let him take compassion of my people.* After this he hanged one of his Daughters, and then hanged himself under the door that leads into the Garden of his Pallace. The  
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Queen also died in the same manner, but her Son and another of her Daughters were taken by the *Tartars*, and shut up in a prison where they died also.

We inquired of what Family were the antient Kings of *China*? and the Kings that now reign, of what House they are?

He informed us, that the antient Kings of *China*, were of the Family called *Min*, which signifies *Light*. Monsieur *Dati* replied, wherefore then doth Father *Martinus* in his History call their Family *Taimin*? *Tai* answered Father *Grueber*, signifies Stock or Race; so that the meaning of *Taimin* is the Race of *Min*, as we say the Race, or the House of *Austria*, or the House of *Arragon*. But he told us, that the *Tartars* have no name to their Families, they are not distinguishable, but by their proper names. The Father of this present King was called

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led *Xun-chi*, that is to say, *The Son of Heaven*; and this Kings name is *Tun-min, A great Light*.

We desired him to tell us, how the King lives with his Wives, and what distinction he did put between their Children, and the Children of his Concubins,

At this question, he answered almost in the words of the *Canticles*, Chap. 6. *Sexaginta sunt Reginae & octoginta Concubinae & adolescentulorum non est numerus.* The truth is, the King hath fifteen Wives honored with the title of Queen, they are not all equal, three of them are more esteemed then the rest? The first, and the cheif is named *Emi*, that is to say, *A perfect Queen*. One of the others is stiled *Tum-si, Queen of the East*, and the other *Si-si, Queen of the West*. These two Queens are named collateral, they attend upon the Sovereign Queen, but never speak to her but upon their knees;

knees; but the other twelve are never admitted to speak to her: But if they desire to signifie any thing to her, they do it by the mediation of these Collateral Queens. The other Wives are more or less, according to the Kings pleasure and humor; but it is certain, that there is never less then one hundred, they are all in the Guardianship of Eumuchs: But the Children of these Wives are all equal; he is looked upon to be the cheif, whom the King chuseth as his Successor. The King that reigns now, is the Son of a Concubine, he attained not to that honor for want of other Brethren, for he was preferred to five of his Brethren, Queens Sons, a little before his Father died; because, when the dying King had called them before him, he did not look upon them as able to command in cheif, and manage so great an Empire. Therefore he ordered  
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this Man to be seated in the Throne, and to be proclaimed King in his stead, and his Mother to be declared Queen Regent, during his minority, appointing him four Tutors or Governors, of whom the cheif is named *Samni*.

I inquired afterwards, how they did bury their Kings?

He answered, that they did never bury their Corps, but burn them according to the *Tartarian* fashion. The pile is not of Wood, but of Paper, it is almost incredible, what a vast quantity is employed, or rather wasted, in such an occasion: For they do not only burn his Body, but also all his Wardrobe, his Moveables, his Treasury, his Jewels; in a word, all that was useful to the deceased, or that was designed for his service, the living Animals only excepted, Two or three Elephants bridled, and richly harness'd, laden with *Turkish* Stones, and  
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Emeralds, Saphires, and all manner of Jewels of an inestimable price; three hundred Horses; and one hundred Camels carried the Kings Treasure at the last Funeral. All this was unladen, and put upon this Mount of Paper, erected to burn the Kings dead Body; when the fire had been put to it, the Gold and Silver did run from it in streams, and force a way through the gazing multitude, who are not all idle lookers on; for some seek to advantage themselves with the spoils of the deceased: But there is a great care taken to prevent such kind of violences and stealth, by the watchfulness of the Guards, and by the grievous punishments inflicted upon such offenders. The *Fetters* are very superstitious in this respect, and careful to consume to ashes the very Bones, and not suffer so much as the bigness of a Pins head to remain; the Gold and the Silver that



is left, after the burning, is spent, to provide more Paper in such a case, and to burn again the relicks of the dead Body, for the Souls sake. At the last Funeral, when the expence of Paper was reckoned up, it amounted to no less then Seventy thousand Crowns, and the whole Treasure that was there consumed, to Forty thousand Millions. Three of the Kings domesticks, a Privy Counsellor, a Chaplain, and a Concubine, devoted themselves to attend upon the deceased Princes Soul, and follow him into another life, by sacrificing themselves, as soon as the breath was out of his Body. They have always the liberty to chuse what manner of death they like best, but commonly their Heads are cut off, which is the most usual kind of death amongst these people to punish offenders, only Soldiers are strangled. Besides these three Officers, many offer themselves free



ly to death, some out of affection for their King, others out of a superstitious perswasion, unto which their Religion inclines them. But in case every one should refuse to die, and none would be willing to wait upon the Princes Soul, they force such as he took most delight in, and his dearest servants to depart and follow after him.

I inquired next, in what did the Kings Revenue cheifly consist?

He informed us, that the Fields and Countrey did properly belong to the Peasants, who out of the increase of their Fruits, pay about the tenth part to the King, and another part to the *Mandarin*, that is to say, to the Gentlemen that dwell in the Castles; for they are the Lords of their adjacent Fields. This Revenue that belongs to the Crown, is very great; there is another that proceeds from all the Cattle of the Kingdom, out of which,

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which, a tribute is gathered: Besides, there are great Customs upon Cattons and Rice transported, and several Mines in the Province of *Tunnan*, which signifies a *Southerly Cloud*. These Mines yield plenty of Gold, Saphirs, Emeralds, and all manner of precious Stones, that enrich the Neighboring Kingdom of *Pegu*. There is also an unknown quantity of Silver brought out of these Cities, *Quangh-cen*, *Canton*, and *Nanquin*, which are the cheif Mart Towns of all the Kingdom.

We asked him, if the King did often shew himself publicly in the City? And how many Inhabitants may be in *Pekin*?

He told us, that he was wont to cause the Soldiers of his Guard to be drawn up in Battalia, and exercise once every moneth, where he did commonly appear, to cause them to shoot at a mark in the Meadows belonging to the City, between

tween the Walls that encompass it ; for it is furrounded three times about, the uttermost Wall is the lowest, the two others are higher ; the nearer they are to the middle of the Town. The Ditches are deep and full of Water ; about the City there are many pleasant Meadows. In one of them a great Statue of Wood is erected, against which, the King appoints his Soldiers to shoot either with Bow and Arrows, or with Powder and Shot ; one is to hit the Hand, another the Head, a third the Brest. If the Soldier misseth the first time, he hath liberty to try the second, and the third ; if he fails all three, without touching his mark, he receives a great many bastinadoes for his reward, and is disbanded as unworthy of his Kings service. In the whole City of *Pekin*, there cannot be less then a Million of Inhabitants, some say that there have been here-

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tofore Nine millions : But that is not credible, for the City is not so extraordinary large, and their Buildings are but of one story high.

We desired to know, how they did cover their dwellings?

He informed us, that they did cover them with Tiles, the Country Houses have no other covering. The Tiles of the Kings Pallace are of various colours, of yellow and marble, very pleasant and beautiful when they are looked upon at a distance: When the Sun shines upon them, they appear as if they were all of Gold.

We inquired, what Religion the *Chineses* did profess?

He answered, that they did profess Idolatry, that they were all idolaters in their hearts, worshipping several Idols in private. But we consider only their outward profession, there are three different

Sects. The first is of the Learned, that profess to worship a superior Being, named in their Language *Sciax-ti*. These two words are engraven upon Tables of Gold, hung up in their Temples; unto them they offer Sacrifice, by burning before them Paper gilded with Gold or Silver; together with some small round Balls made with Storax and Frankincense. But although they make profession of this Religion, which appears more plausible than the rest; it is only outwardly, that they might be distinguished from the *Bonzi*, a sort of men come out of *China* into *India*, extremely superstitious, exceeding all others in Idolatry, and fond Conceits; at first they were in some good repute amongst the *Chineses*; as it commonly happens when any new Sect appears that is not known. The Doctrine which they published of the Transmigration of Souls, which is

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not altogether like that of *Pythagoras*, got them the peoples esteem, and procured them the envy of the Learned: So that they, in time, opposed the progress of this new Sect, more out of displeasure against it, then out of love for their antient Religion. Therefore they have so well published and established the worship of their *Sciax-ti*, that the Religion of the *Bonzi* is out of fashion and date, and hath lost all its credit; and they themselves are looked upon no better then cheats. Now all over *China*, there is no kind of people more exclaim'd against and derided; nor is there any Profession more ridiculous then that. A man of credit scorns to exchange a word with them in publick, or to be in their company, unless it be in such occasions as are not to be avoided; as in Funerals, publick Sacrifices, Processions, where these Idolatrous Priests are mercenary, and

and hired to attend. The Nobility cause them to go in Procession in nuptial Solemnities, at the birth of their Children, and such like times. Their Processions are preceded by several Instruments of Musick, and attended with Banners, and displayed Ensigns, which they carry about their Idols; whose praises they sing in Songs and Hymns, and to whom they burn Paper and Frankincense.

The second Sect is the most numerous, for it consists of the Citizens, of the Nobility, of the People and Peasants; in a word, of all manner of People. These pay their Devotions to the Souls of their Ancestors, unto whom they Sacrifice continually in their Temples; and in their private Houses, by burning Paper and Frankincense. All over the Countrey, this is the ordinary Sacrifice which is offered to the good and evil spirits every morning, be-



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fore they go out of their doors. The third Sect is that of the *Bonzi*, who are most abominably superstitious.

We inquired, what the *Chineses* did believe of Mans estate after Death?

They believe, answered he, that we shall be all happy, that we shall be enriched with more wisdom, and delighted with more pleasure then in this life ; but they proceed no further to particularise how these advantages shall happen to Men. The Soul they believe to be immortal. But replied Monsieur *Dati*, if they believe that all shall be happy in another World, how comes it to pass, that they are not thereby encouraged to indulge themselves in all manner of Vices? Nothing hinders, answered the Father, but the fear of present punishment. Yet they have some light perswasions of Hell, where the Souls of the wicked shall



shall be tormented; but they have found a way to get them out of those Tortures. You must know, that at *Pekin*, and in every considerable Town, there is a great Temple erected, unto which, above three hundred little Chappels belong; every Trade hath one appertaining to it, and not only the Trades, but also every order and rank of Men, from the Magistrate to the Beggar. Now their perswasion is, that the Spirit that is to vex the Soul of the wicked man, deceased, haunts the Chappel appropriated to that Profession, unto which he did belong: For example, a Thief or a Robber shall bring a small gift to the Thiefs Chappel, to ingratiate himself with, and appease the displeasure of that Spirit that punishes Theft and Robbery, that he might spare him when his Soul shall fall into his hands. The Spirit makes no use of the gift, as you may imagine, but the *Banzai*

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that keep the Chappel : So is it with the rest. This is a politick Invention, very well contrived for two good purposes, by that means they free themselves from the troublesome apprehensions of the future ; and they cause a pack of Knaves to subsist, who otherwise would trouble all the World with their begging.

We asked the Father, whether amongst the *Chineses* there were any Religious Orders of Men?

To this question he answered : There are no other Orders of Religious Votaries, besides the *Bauzi*, who are most wicked Varlets, and infamous for their unnatural love of Boys ; they want not opportunities to commit this abomination, for they are intrusted with the tuition of the youth ; they are as the Schoolmasters of that Countrey. This sin is too common amongst the *Tatars*, as well as amongst the *Chineses*.

*neses.* Instead of abhorring it, they make publick Profession of it, by erecting Academies for that infamous purpose. This Vice hath spread it self farther into *Persia*; they are so base as to receive Boys in Marriage, and their Fathers themselves, are not ashamed to give their consent, and appoint them a kind of Portion, as to their Daughters. Amongst the *Tartars*, there are also Religious Votaries not much unlike the *Bonzi*; they have the care of the Sacrifices, and are attired with Yellow or Red Garments, that fall down as low as their heels, with large sleeves open. Some of them carry on their heads Paper Miters; but commonly their heads are uncovered; they march with naked feet, and all their habit is much like that which our Painters give to the holy Apostles. This Religious Order hath many Convents of the *Tartarian Women*, situated, for the

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the most part, upon High Mountains, of an uneasie access. Out of these Monasteries, they never go out, without the leave of their Superiors, and seldom, unless it be to beg, and then the oldest of them are appointed. All these Nuns make Vows of perpetual Chastity, Poverty, and Obedience; their heads are uncovered, and their hair is cut round, close to their ears; their garments are like to that of the *Bonzi* in shape; but they are of a red colour, that of the *Bonzi* is gray.

We inquired of the Sciences professed amongst the *Chineses*.

They have, said the Father, the Works of *Confucius*, who is as much esteemed amongst them, as *Aristotle* is amongst us. *Confucius* lived about Three thousand years ago, he hath left them a *Moral Philosophy* mingled with *Divinity*, and *Natural Philosophy*. I have seen one of his Posterity reckoned to be the Threescore and  
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third Man of his Race: He is very rich, and honored with the title of a Prince; for the Kings of *China* have always had so great a respect for this Learned Man, that they have allowed that title of honor to his Grand-children. Besides the Works of *Confucius*, they are naturally inclined to the knowledges of Numbers; but their *Geometry* is very imperfect, for it teaches only the more ordinary and practical part: They are not in the least acquainted with the Theory, nor with the most excellent part of *Geometry*, as the *Optick*. From hence we may judge how little they excel in *Painting* and *Architecture*. They are mightily addicted to *Chyromancy*, *Metoscopia*, *Magick*, and such like Arts. And in Judiciary *Astrology* they esteem themselves super-excellent.

We intreated him to tell us next, something of their Language, and of their Writings.

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For their Language, said the Father, it is very poor, for it hath not above Four hundred words. All the Nouns are undeclinable, and the Verbs are imployed only in the Infinitive Mood. I answered him, Sir if you would but continue but eight days in this City, I am perswaded that I could learn so well the Language, that I might be taken for a Natural *Chinese*. The Father laught at my confident conceit, and returned me this reply. After such a study of eight days, you might possibly call a Man a Hog, instead of honoring him with the title of Sir; for all the significations of the *China* Language consist in the variation of the accent, in the difference of the tone, in the aspirations, and other alterations of the Voice, which are almost innumerable.

For example, *Cin* pronounced simply, hath no signification. *Cinnum* pronounced by lengthning the pronounciation

nunciation of the *u*, and sharpening of the Voice, signifies *Sir* or *Monsieur*; *Cin* pronounced in lengthning the *u*, and keeping the same tone, is a *Hog*; *Cin* spoken swiftly, or rather shot in haste out of the Mouth, signifies a *Kitchen*; and *Cin* made use of in the beginning of a strong Voice, which diminisheth at last, signifies the *Foot of a Stool*. By this example you may see how one word may have five differing significations. In like manner *Tien*, pronounced plainly, hath no meaning. If it be spoken sharply, so that it makes *Ti-en*, it will signify *Sweet*. If the (*i*) is accented thus *Ti-en*, it means *Bread*. *Ti-en* uttered speedily, signifies the *Foot of a Table*, or of a *Bed*. Most part of the words in this Language are Monosyllables, and may be joyned together in a various manner. But this Art of Joyning the words, is very difficult, and not to be learned

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ed in an instant ; but that which renders it more uneasy to strangers, is, That they have neither Characters for their Letters, nor Alphabet ; for they write all their Conceptions in Figures and Ciphers, that signifie every one of them two or three words, and many times whole Periods and Sentences ; therefore they are forced to write the five significations of the word *Cin*, by five differing Ciphers, for want of Characters and Accents ; whereas we might easily distinguish them by the several Accents, which we might place variously upon the same words. This is the Perfection of other Tongues, although the same word may have divers significations, we can easily distinguish that which is proper to it in that place of the discourse, where we find it by the words that go before, and follow immediately after.

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But to return to this word *Cin*, besides the different Characters to express the five former significations. Suppose I intend to write *Good morrow Sir*, I must not make use of the Character that signifies *good*, nor that of *Sir*, but I must write another Character different from all the former, which alone shall signify all these three words *Good morrow Sir*. Or suppose that I am to write *Yes Sir*, I must not use the Character of *yes*, nor that of *Sir*, but must employ another which will signify alone *Yes Sir*. By this you may easily judge what number of Characters are needful to write our Conceptions in this Language. Therefore it is more uneasy to read it, then it is to write it; for when we intend to express our mind in writing, it is only requisite that we should understand the single Characters of words; for when they are joyned together, we may easily under-

understand their meaning. But this manner of writing is not esteemed, and only in use amongst the vulgar sort of Men. But the Learned must be acquainted, not only with those single Characters and Ciphers, but many others of a larger signification: Some reckon them to be about Seventy four thousand; whosoever knows any more then the rest, is esteemed the most Learned, because he is most able to understand and read more Books.

From hence it is, that this Tongue is so difficult to be learned; for as they have no Letters, they have no Dictionary to teach the meaning of the words; so that there is no other way to learn them, but to hear them spoken, to observe the sound and accent, and to imitate the Inhabitants by repeating them often, as the Parrots when they learn to speak. The Jesuites have caused a Catechism to be  
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Printed, and certain Dialogues; the one to teach the proper terms, that they might discourse of the mysteries of our Faith, and make the *Chineses* understand them; the other is for the words most commonly used in a familiar conversation: Nine thousand Characters which are in that Book, are sufficient for this purpose.

This account of the *China* Language discouraged me, and took me off from my inconsiderate design of learning it in six days. When I seriously think upon it, I cannot conceive how mans life can be long enough, for any to attain to a perfect knowledge of so many Ciphers, to understand them, when they are placed together, and to remember their different shapes and significations. I have sought out a familiar example, to make me conceive the possibility of mastering the difficulties of such a study. I remember  
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the Figures that are imployed in the Demonstrations of *Geometry*, may serve very well for this purpose; for although these Figures be intangled in Lines, Triangles, Squares, Circles, and many such Figures which are made by the crossing and meeting of the several Lines; nevertheless, at the first view, I understand not only that which is demonstrated, at last, by these differing Lines; but also many other Truths, which must of necessity appear, before all the Lines can be drawn by a great many former Figures that enter into my mind, though they appear no more in that Figure and Demonstration which they finally compleat: For all those Figures and Truths are supposed to have been sufficiently demonstrated. There is yet another difficulty in this example; the Figures of *Geometrical Demonstrations*, are to be looked upon variously, as a strait  
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Line is sometimes the *basis* of the Triangle, sometimes the Diameter of a Circle, or part of an Oval, or as the right side of a Parabole, or as the *Latus transversum* of another. This consideration caused me to admire, the more, Mans ingenuity, and to conceive a possibility of writing and understanding the Characters of the *Chineses*; for our skilful *Geometers* who are well acquainted with all the Figures of *Euclides* and *Archimedes*, &c. And that are able, in a moment, to comprehend the Demonstration of that Truth that is thereby proved, and to gather from thence a great many other consequences that are deduceable, seem to perform something more difficult then the *Chineses*, who are only to discover the meaning of certain Figures imprinted in their minds, by a long continuance, and usage; for it is possible in the whole course of our life,

life to attain to a familiarity with them all.

The Father *Grueber* told us of their Marriages, that the *Chineses* when they came to nineteen years of age, or thereabouts, commonly espouse a Woman that is reckoned as their only and lawful Wife; they receive with her a Portion in Marriage, according to their Estates; but it is always in their power, to put her away by returning her Portion to her again. When a Father delivers his Daughter in Matrimony, he never expects to see her again, he shuts her up in a close kind of Sedan. When he hath locked her in, he delivers the Key to the good Woman, by whose Mediation the Marriage is consummated; for there are some who make it their Profession and Trade, to deal in such kind of Wares. The Woman she delivers the Key to none but to the married Man, who is not to open it, and free

free his Bride from her prison, but when she is brought into the Nuptial Chamber. When the Virgins of the Nobility go abroad, they are carried in Litters by Horses or Asses covered over with a Vail, the rest march on foot with their faces also hid; all kind of Women appear in this manner in publick. He told us afterwards, that when any Man hath taken a Wife, he is at his liberty to entertain as many Concubines as he pleaseth, of whom there are two sorts, some free, others slaves: The free are descended of Gentlemen, or other Persons well qualified, who to free themselves from the burden of so many Children, which they have by their many Concubines, are ready to part with their Daughters upon that account for small sums of Money, which they never restore again to the Men, when they divorce or send them away. All the Children remain



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main still with the Father, unless he please to allow a yearly Pension to them and their Mothers. The Concubines that are slaves, are commonly the Daughters of the meaner sort of people, they part with them for the same reason as the Gentlemen do with theirs: They bring their Children to the Market-place of the City to sell them; Daughters to serve as Concubines, and the Boys as Servants; but they commonly drowned all such Children, Males and Females as are crooked or misshapen at their Birth, or when they are otherwise deformed. For fifteen crowns any man may chuse the most beautiful Girls of the meaner sort to be his Concubine; but their condition is most miserable, for they are forced to carry water, and to drudge about the lowest offices of the family: When their Master desires to enjoy them, they cannot refuse him; for they were bought for  
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that purpose; and although they may be of as good Family as himself; if they are taken in Adultery, they commonly loose their heads. The Catholick Priests make use of these meaner Concubines, to insinuate the Mysteries of *Christianity*, into the minds of the other Women, and to teach the Children of the Noblest Families. They have been by this means so successful, that many of these Women are become Converts, but they do not think it convenient to baptize them, in regard of that obligation that lies upon them, to grant to their Masters all the liberty that they desire.

The Catholick Religion is there freely professed all over the Empire, without let or hinderance. In every one of their Churches, a Copy of the Kings Mandate, by which he grants a free exercise of our Religion, is graven in a Stone, and hung up in an eminent place, in the view

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of the Congregation. *Christians* are very well esteemed of in all the Provinces of *China*; and the *Tartars* as well as the *Chineses*, have liberty to turn *Christians*, and imbrace the Catholick Faith. The Learned Men of the Countrey, are familiarly acquainted with our *Missionary Priests*; the greatest opposition that they meet with, is from the Idolatrous *Bonzi*. The Father told us, that he had left in *China* six and twenty *Jesuites*, four at *Pekin*, six *Jacobins*, and two bare-footed *Carmelites*. These *Missionaries* wear the same habit as the Learned of the Countrey, a long garment of white Damask that reaches to the ground. Father *Adam Schall* is one of the four *Missionary Jesuites* in this City, he hath lived forty five years in *China*, and is very well esteemed of the Prince and People.

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or Money, and what Weights the *Chineses* use?

He answered, That they had but one sort of Coyn Printed, named *Cuxa*, of very base mettle, each of them is worth about a farthing; upon one side is the Kings name, upon the other, the name of the Coyn. Three hundred peeces of this money make a *Lexu*, which is worth about a Crown; they divide the *Lexu* in ten *Ziens*, in eight *Fuens*, and every *Fuen* in ..... *Cuxas*. They use instead of Money, both Gold and Silver pieces, which they cut off as they spend; for that purpose, they carry in their Boots, and about them, Seales and Cizers.

The Pound weight of *China* is sixteen of our ounces. They measure by a cubit: All kind of Victuals is very cheap, as well as their cloathing; for five *Fucas*, which are five of our pence, one may buy a very large Hen; by that any may

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judge of every thing else that is sold, at a proportionable rate.

We asked him concerning their Meat and Drink.

He told us, that they had no Wine, although their Countrey affords excellent Grapes. The *Euro-peans* sometimes make Wine with them, which the Inhabitants like very well, but they dare not drink of it, but in private, for this proud Nation have a Law in force to punish severely all such as shall bring in new modes of living. Their ordinary drink is *Thé*, and Wine made of Rice; they extract it doubtless by the Limbick and the Still. It is not certainly known how they do it, for they will not discover the secret of any of their Arts to strangers, unless they swear first to profess it, and it may cost them their lives, if they fail afterwards. They delight to drink hot liquors for that purpose; they are always upon the  
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fire in vessels near their Tables. In Summer they cast a little quantity of Ice in their drink, which they suffer to remain there only for a moment, that the liquor may receive from it, in so short a time, something of its cold nature to cool the stomach; but they quickly take it out again, that they might not loose the pleasure of drinking it hot. They keep their Ice, as we do in *Europe*; it is sold about the Towns very cheap, they use it more to cool their Fruits, then their Drinks, for they delight to eat them very cold.

But to return to their liquors, Wine made of Rice, appears of a whiteness, inclining a little to the Amber colour, and mixed with a Golden Yellow, very beautiful to the eye. It hath a very pleasant taste, and so delicious, that it seems as good as the best Sack. The common people drink out of Earthen

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Vessels, but the rich and noble are provided with Golden and Silver, adorned with ordinary Workmanship. The greatest Lords use drinking Vessels made with the Horns of a *Rhinocerot*, imbellished in a coarse manner, enriched with Gold, and sometimes with Diamonds. For their Meats they have all kind of varieties, as we have in *Europe*, of Venison, and of Fowl, of all manner of Fruits and Pulse. Their Spices are better then ours, for they are nearer to the *Molucas*. Their Wheat is very good, they can make Meal of it, but they have no skill to knead it into Bread; therefore in lieu of that, they use Rice which hath soaked in the Water, and been parched and dried afterwards at the fire. This they take and carry to their Mouths, with long sticks that serve them instead of Forks. In their left hands they are commonly provided with a Porringer full of  
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this Rice, which they use instead of Bread, taking it out with their sticks at every bit of Meat. They have no skill, nor taste to season their Meats well: In the same Pot they boil Pork, Hare, Fish, Veal, and Pheasant together; and their best Cooks are continually pouring in abundance of Water, while they are boiling. When they are sodden, they fill their Porringers and Dishes with this mad *Oleo Podrido*, which serves them instead of Pottage. The most ordinary Flesh that they feed upon is Pork; their Mutton is in good esteem amongst them. The poorer sort eat Asses, Dogs, Cats, and such like things, which they buy in Shambles, appointed for all kind of Flesh. The dried Legs of Dogs, well and curiously smoaked as we do our Neats Tongues, is a bit very savory to them; they commonly reserve it for their dessert and last morsel at dinner; they

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esteem it a great fortifier of the stomach. They bring every kind of Meat severally in distinct Dishes, but they have but two sorts of Sawces to encourage and provoke appetite. The first is a kind of Paste made with small Beans in this manner; they beat the Beans soaked in Water, and then stir them well together in the Water; when upon the top there appears a thin covering, or green skin, they strain all through a Linnen cloath into clean Water; the finest substance runs through, but the skins remain behind. This they use instead of Sawce to all their Meats, and instead of Salt also; for they never salt them otherwise, although they want not Wells and Fountains of Salt and Brackish Water in all the Western Provinces. The other Sawce is named *Mi-ssu*, which is made of a rotten Grain that yields a most noysome smell; they do not boil it  
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with the rest of their Meats, but they put it by it self in Sawcers; and when they are at dinner, they dip their morsels of Meat in this strong and filthy Mustard. At their Feasts, and at the Tables of their Nobles and Lords, they garnish their Dishes variously, but ordinarily with Rice, Herbs, or with hard Eggs, minced small and fried. When their Cooks have shewn all their art and skill in such occasions, it is no light punishment to condemn a Man of *Europe*, to carry thither an empty stomach: Therefore when strangers are invited, they provide themselves with a good dinner before hand, for they are certain to meet with nothing there fit for their appetites.

Their Tables stand round about the room where the Feast is to be held, never above two or three are together at the same Table, the Master is wont to sit alone at the lower

most. They use no Table-cloaths, but cover them with as many necessary utensils, as there should be persons at the Table: These utensils are a dish to drinkin, a Plate of Rice, another of their dainty *Mi-ssu*, and two of these Sticks, that serve them instead of Forks. All their Dishes are of Porcelane, the Kings as well as the meanest Subjects, with this difference, That the one is of a finer substance then the other. When the invited guests are seated, an Officer ushers in the first service; and when all the Tables are furnished, he makes a sign to all to begin to eat. If any should offer to touch the Meat before he hath given the signal, he would be severely checked, and looked upon as a Clown or an impatient Glutton. The signal or liberty of eating, is given by saying to them all *Zin*, that is to say, *I invite you*; then the guests all answer, *Zin, zin, zin*, repeating this word three

three times, as the *Italian* Priests do the word *Peace*, when they salute and embrace one another. After this, they all carry their hands to their several Dishes together, and the Meat to their Mouths; and if any do not eat at the same time, as the rest, the Officer calls upon them; for they think that the perfection of their Feasts consists in eating altogether, otherwise they judge it to be out of order, and unhandsome. When the Officer esteems that they have sufficiently eaten of the first service, he causeth the second to be brought in, and after that the third, observing the same ceremonies and decency, as at the first. Likewise, when he thinks it is time to drink, he invites them to it, in the same manner as he doth to eat; but they must all empty their Cups. When they begin to drink the first time, the Stage-players enter into the Room, some of them are common, who

who play for Mony at every House, when they are hired, others are entertained by Noblemen; the richest have several companies of them, as the great Lords in *Europe* have Musicians. These kind of people are very richly cloathed; when they come in, they address themselves to him that sits at the highest Seat to shew him their Book of Comedies, and to desire him to tell them upon what subject to play. He sends them, out of civility, down to another, with their Book, which comes at last to the Master of the House, who commonly tells them to act what Comedy they please. This Comedy lasts about a quarter of an hour; The Subjects of the most part of their Comedies, are taken from the Lives and Heroick Actions of their former Kings and Queens; when the Comedy is ended, the Officer enters in with other Dishes of Meat; and when they are all taken away,  
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and have ended their drinking, the Comedians return again, observing the same ceremony as before, to intreat the assistants one after another, to appoint the subject, upon which they are to discourse and act. When this second Comedy is finished, the Officer comes again to give his attendance: Now this unpleasant diversion lasts sometimes six or seven hours. I had almost forgot, said the Father, to tell you, that they have no *Olives* growing in *China*, therefore they make use of three other sorts of Oyl: The richest have an Oyl taken out of the Berries of Flowers of that Countrey, that grow upon Bryars: This is very sweet and pleasant. I know not how they make it, but they have a great quantity of it; for their Land is as fruitful of such Bryars, as ours is of Nettles. The meaner sort of people make use of another Oyl, extracted from a Grain which they call *Tel-selin*;

*selin*; it hath almost the same taste as the Oyl of *Sesamum*, a little bitter. The Countrey People, as in *Poland*, employ the Oyl of *Line* or *Flax*, or another kind of Oyl extracted from a Plant named *Ma-sen*, which hath a most odious and strong smell. They never eat any Sallads, nor other raw Herbs; many of their Fruits they preserve in Salt and Vinegar. In short they are not curious in their taste and eating, but are filthy and unhandsome. When we had a Pheasant, or a Hair, we could not abide to see our *China* Cook handle and dress it; we were forced to spit and dress it our selves, and eat it in the most retired Room, having first forbidden the door to be opened to any that should come, unless it be to the Kings Officers. And that none might surprise us unawares, while our Meat was preparing, always one of us stood Sentinel at the Window, to give warn-  
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ing of any Mans coming up to us.

It is a very strange thing said Monsieur *Dati*, that this Nation that hath so many Sheep and Cows, have no skill to make Cheese with their Milk, in any other manner, but with small Beans.

This proceeds, replied the Father, from their unsufferable Pride; for they scorn to learn any thing, from strangers, especially from the *Tartars*; because the *Tartars* make Cheese that is enough to cause them to abominate such a composition; for they have a strong aversion for that Nation. I could never make use of any of their Cheese, nor of the Milk of the *Chineses*; for both yield a most odious smell. The *Tartars* make their Cheese of the shape of our Cracknels, and hang them up with strings, a great many together, at their Shops, to invite the hungry stomach to buy them; they are so grievous hard, that the  
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Flint Stones are not more. They are not to be eaten, but after they have been softned by the Fire, and molified as our Wax.

But the *Chineses*, are far more nice and curious in their sleeping, then in their eating and drinking. In Winter they spread Cotten Mats upon little Furnaces, and square Stoves, named *Caù*, where they keep a very moderate Fire. Upon these Mats they lay very fine Sheets of Cotton, all their Linnen is of that substance; for they use their *Line* to make Oyl, and their *Flax* to twist into Ropes. At the four corners of their *Caù*, there are Pillars as at our Beds; at the top round, the Curtains are fastned, which they call *Cai-ià*. In Winter they are of Cloth, or of some other thick substance; but in Summer they are of a very fine and thin Cotton, to keep off the Musketas. When the cold is over, they carry their Mats, and lay

lay them upon Boards or Tables ; and in the heat of Summer, instead of Wool and Cotton, they fill them with a Sea weed, which when it is dried, is as soft as Silk, and as light as Feathers : It is naturally very cool. Their Bolsters and Pillows are very neatly made of the thinnest and softest skins of Reed, which we call *Indian Cane*, in the manner of Hurdles. When the inside is emptied out, and shut up close, they are filled with wind, which yields in the hottest Season much pleasure. The head feels them to be very soft, and never sinks deep ; it is not buried as in our Down-pillows, they are very smooth. Their head are as though they were upon Springs, when they turn ; and at the least motion, they cause their Pillows and Bolsters, to send up a cold and fresh Air to cool their faces, which is a notable advantage in the hottest nights of the Summer.

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Their Chairs are of the same substance, the Back and the Elbows are made of the Skins of *Indian Cane*, very commodious to sit down. The *Tartars* are not so effeminate to make use of all these things, they sleep upon the bare ground as the *Turks*.

We desired him to tell us something of the Kings pomp, and of the magnificence of his Throne, when he appears in publick in all his grandeur.

He assured us, that the former Kings of *China* did delight in a great deal of glory and state; but that the present King of the *Tartars*, who reigns now in *China*, is not so ceremonious: He is content in his greatest splendor, to sit upon a Carpet spread on the ground.

Monsieur *Dati* desired to know from the Father, in what the *Chinese* were most expensive,

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He answered, that they spent much in their Funerals, in the great quantity of Perfumes and Wax, which they did there burn, in the making of Wooden Statues, in their Frankincense, which they did offer to the deceased, and specially in the rare Coffins, in which they put the dead Bodies. They are of precious Wood, as of *Aloes*, of *Yellow Saunders*, or of some other *Aromatick Wood* of a great value: This serves instead of imbalming.

We inquired of the goodness of the Air, of the Countrey, and how long the Inhabitants do commonly live.

The Air, said he, is very good every-where; therefore the Countrey people that are temperate in their diet, commonly live to be very old; some are one hundred years of age. The Nobility at forty seem to be old, and when they see fifty, they begin to be crasie; this difference

difference proceeds from their debaucheries with the Female Sex, and their immoderate eating, in which they prescribe no bounds to themselves. Their Daughters seldom come to be thirty years of age, because their Mothers are wont to tie and bind their Legs as soon as they are born; for they think all their beauty consists in crooked Legs, which is that part alone of their Bodies seen when they go abroad.

This strange and unnatural bending and tying of their Legs so young, disorders the Channels, through which; the nourishment of their Members passeth, and stops the Conduits, in such a manner, that neither their Legs nor their Bodies ever come to a perfect stature and bigness; for by that means, the Blood is hindered in its ordinary circulation; and the complexion and constitution of their Bodies being

ing vitiated, it hastens them the sooner to their Graves.

We desired him to tell us, which were their most noted Festivals?

He answered us, That they chiefly observe three; the one at the first New Moon in *February*, the second in *November*, and the third at the Kings Birth-day. In every one of these Festivals, the King goes out of the City, attended upon by all the Nobility and Lords of the Court; by the Magistrates, Officers of the Law, and by the Learned Men, &c. Every one wears an habit suitable to his dignity and place. All their Garments are differing from one another, none but the King dares wear a Pearl alone at the top of his Cap. Many of the most eminent Lords have precious Stones, and some Pearls; but always a Ruby, an Emerald, or a Jasper, is put with it; for none but the King is to wear it alone. He wears also as marks of  
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his Royalty, two Storks embroidered with Silver upon his Brest. The *Mandarins* have other Animals: There are nine cheif differences, by which the Nobility is distinguished in their habits. The first hath a Crane for his Badge, the second a Lion, the third an Eagle, the fourth a Peacock; I do not remember the rest, nor what differences are to be noted in the Garments of their Magistrates and Learned Men. I only remember the Badge of the *Matbematicians*, they wear four little Squares of Jasper, tied with silken strings at their Girdles. In the middle of the Squares there is a Ruby, and upon the top of their Bonnet, they bear a Ruby and a Pearl together. The most ordinary colours of their Garments, are Red, Blew, Orange mixed with Blew. We have already said, that their *Bonzi* are cloathed in Gray, and the Learned in White.



I remember that at every Festival observed at the New Moon in *February*, every one is wont to melt or cast some piece of Mettle ; upon which they represent the Figure of a Crescent or New Moon ; and they call this Festival, *The Sacrifice of the Hare.*

We inquired, Whether the *Chineses* had any Memorials so antient, that give an account of the passages of so many thousand years ago, as some do affirm.

He told us, that they had no Histories more antient then King *Tao*, who lived about four thousand seven hundred years ago ; and that they had no Histories of antienter date, that speak of the beginning and continuance of the World.

We put the Father next upon the Art of Navigation, to know whether they believe in *China*, that there is any passage out of *Asia* into *America* ; he assured us, that they had

had but little skill in Navigation; that they know not well how to make use of the *Compass*, or rather this knowledge is defective. Their greatest Vessels are not able to carry above fifty Men, their Sails are made of Mat, but so artificially, that they can go almost with any wind. Their rowing differs from ours, for they move their Oars before and behind. Therefore as they have no great insight into the Art of Navigation, it is not possible that they should be able to adventure far at Sea, they dare not loose the sight of the Land.

Concerning their passing from *Asia* into *America*, the Father told us, That he knew nothing certain, because the *English* and the *Hollanders* have been disappointed in their attempting to pass through the *Frozen Sea*, where they have no manner of Trade: For the *Tartars* they are no great Traders, and it is  
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not probable, that any of them will venture upon a meer curiosity, to open that passage. It is not likely, that the *Chineses* will leave their Countrey, to undertake any such hazardous voyage: Nevertheless, it is generally believed, that there is some-where a passage, or that *Asia* is divided from *America*, but by a Narrow Sea. The continual appearance of many wild Fowl of *America*, in the Southern Parts of *Tartaria*, do very much strengthen this opinion: For it is not probable, that they would there be seen, if *America* and *Tartaria* were not joyned together, or not far from one another.

We asked him concerning the Dancings, Plays, and Gardens of *China*.

The *Chineses*, replied the Father, never dance, but the *Tartars* use that sport amongst themselves; the Men with the Men, and the Women with the Women; but never both Sexes

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together. Their Musick consists in striking their hands one against another, or in beating upon some Vessel of Mettal that yields a clear sound. The *Chineses* have all manner of Sports and Plays; they play with Balls and Draughts, with Dice and Cards; they are very dexterous in striking the Ball with their feet: Their manner is not to play in parties, only five or six meet together, and send with their feet the Ball from one to the other; I have seen a Ball continue a quarter of an hour without touching the Ground. Their Gardens are, for the most part, inclosed Meadows, on purpose to exercise themselves with a Ball. They have no other sweet scented flowers, but *Jasmin*; their Roses are very beautiful, but without any scent: They have also some Tulips, Violets, and Gilliflowers; but they know not so much as the name of an Anemone: Nevertheless their  
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Gardens are very green and delightful, because of the conveniency of watering them with fresh Rivers; but they have but small skill to dress and order them. All that I could take notice of, in such places, was in the Kings Garden, where is to be seen a great Cascade of Water, that falls from a Rock of Brass, covered all over with artificial Trees of the same substance. The *Chineses* are extraordinary skilful in the Art of casting Mettals; therefore their Artillery is very beautiful.

We desired him to inform us of something concerning their other Arts, and cheifly concerning their Physick and Physitians.

Their Physitians, answered the Father, are notable in discerning by the Pulse, the nature and qualities of a disease; but their knowledge is not so extraordinary in prescribing remedies, for they govern themselves by guess, at all adventures, as our Physitians.

I can speak of both by experience ; for when I fell sick, about forty days distance from the City of *Pekin*, one of the Kings Physitians visited me, at the request of Father *Adam Schall*. As soon as he was come into my Chamber, he caused me to sit down and suffered me to rest quietly a while. Afterwards he uncovered both my Arms as far as the Elbows, placing them upon a Table, and felt the Pulses of both Arms, one after another ; pressing the Arteries sometimes hard, sometimes softly, sometimes equally ; and at other times he prest hard upon one Arm, leaving the other free : Sometimes he prest hard upon one Pulse, and softly upon the other ; he continued to feel it along while, anon he felt it but by turns ; sometimes he caused me to hold my fist closed, anon he made me open it. In short, he felt and examined my Pulse, as it did beat in every posture of my  
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Arm and Hand, which lasted a long while, about three quarters of an hour. After all this, I had almost a mind to discover to him my disease, but Father *Adam* interrupted me, and told me, that he knew it better then I did. When the Physician was late down, he described with a wonderful majesty my disease, and all its properties and circumstances, assigning to them the time of their first beginning, in such an exact manner, that I was strangely surpris'd. He appointed me some Potions, but by the small advantage that I received from them, I found that he had been more skilful to guess at my disease, then to prescribe Remedies. They never let any man bleed, as we do, but instead of that, they make use of Cupping-Glasses in the Shoulders: They cure the Pox very well, with certain mixture of Herbs; so that this disease is not so mortal, in these parts,



as in *Turky, Persia*, and other Countreys of the *East Indies* : They have amongst their Physicks a very famous Root that grows, cheifly, in the Province of *Sur-iven*, they name it *Tigers-Milk* ; for they say, That it never comes, but where the Milk of the *she Tigers* hath moistened the ground, when they are furious and intraged by the pursuit of Huntsmen. It is certain, that the smell of this Root is very like the smell of Milk, and its colour is white as Milk : They say, that when this Root is well prepared according to their skill, it is able to give an infallible sweat ; it is true, I have seen the Root, but never the experiments of its vertues.

We questioned him afterwards, concerning the other Arts of the *Chineses* ; and the Father in the same order, as we had proposed to him, returned us an answer to every question.

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That in *China* they have no Chry-  
stal, but many Glasses, one sort espe-  
cially, which they name *Rice-Glass*,  
it is more brittle then our Glasses,  
but easier to work: For as soon as  
the substance of it feels the heat of  
the Furnace, it melts; and they are  
not unskilful in handling it, for they  
make with it most beautiful shapes  
and fabricks. Instead of Iron, they  
make use of great and hollow staves  
of Glass, as our Enammellers in  
*Europe*. All their Looking-Glasses  
are very good; and as they have a  
particular Art in Melting and Cast-  
ing Mettals, they make many curi-  
ous Looking-Glasses in a Concavity,  
for a very small price; for a little  
above a peice, one may buy a Look-  
ing-Glass containing thirty two  
Thumbs in Diameter. The Jesuites  
have carried to them the Art of  
making Spectacles and Telescopes.  
It is a wonderful thing that the  
*Chineses* have humbled themselves

so much, as to learn this skill from us. At present they do them very well, according to our patterns which the Merchants of *Europe* transport thither. Our Spectacles of the larger size, is a gift well accepted of them; therefore the Merchants do not forget to furnish them with this commodity.

They make excellent Stuffs with Thred of Gold, and with Golden Wire they make many beautiful Works: But they boast much of their Art in Gilding with Gold and Silver-Straw at the fire, in several manners; for with this gilded Straw they compose many rare and excellent Works. But I judge them to be most ingenious, in their making of artificial fires with Gunpowder; for they cause them to represent all kind of Shapes, Characters, Figures of Trees, and to appear in all manner of natural colours. I could never have believed from others relations,

lations, what my eyes have convinced me to be true. I have seen at a Feast, a big Vine come down from the Roof of a large Room; and another fire after incompass it about, representing its Leaves and Grapes so perfectly well, and so naturally coloured, that a Painter could not have shewn one more lively.

This appearance lasted as long as we are repeating over our *Misereri*; when the combustible matter was spent, the artificial Vine vanished away, leaving behind a dark mist in every place, where any part of the Vine had appeared with its Leaves and Branches of Grapes. They have something of this Art in *Persia*, but they cannot do such wonderful feats as in *China*, for here they care not to communicate their skill: The expence is not extraordinary, for forty shillings any man may have a fire representing

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three or four shapes. At these words I instantly replied to Father Grueber. You make me now believe, what I could never credit before. About eleven years ago, I met at *Rome* with Monsieur Sestel, a *Dane*, who told me, that some of his Friends had written to him from *Coppenhagen*, that a *Dane* being returned out of *China*, had shewn the King an artificial Fire that rose up into the Air, and burst out into many flames, which represented the Kings name. The Father replied, You may safely believe it ; but I wonder how this man could come to understand the mystery, which he could never have been able to put in practice, unless he had tried it before, and taken an Oath required in all such occasions, I wonder also, how he could escape out of the Countrey after such an Oath.

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Monfieur *Dati* asked, Whether they use any Coaches or Chariots?

He answered, That the *Chineſes* are carried in Litters by Mules, or by Men; they are like ours, but ſomewhat longer; for they put in them, their Cloaths, a Bed, a Table, and other conveniencies for a Traveller. The *Tartars* have Coaches, with two Wheels, drawn by one or two Mules or Horſes. The Ladies of Viceroyſ, or of other eminent Lords, are drawn by two of theſe Beaſts, and incompaſſed about with a great many *Tartarian* Women on Horſeback, Armed with Bow and Arrows. They carry their Bag and Baggage upon Camels backs, and upon a kind of carriage that hath but one great Wheel that turns in the miſt of two Trunks full of Stuff. One man draws this with a Girdle tied to his middle, and tied alſo to two Staves that are faſtned to the Trunks, with which he governs  
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this Carriage at his pleasure. They carry about their Wares and Commodities through the Land, in this manner.

We asked him, Whether they delight in Hunting? Whether they run Races? Whether they be good Horsemen? And, whether they have any skill to manage Horses?

He answered, That the *Tartars* are good Huntsmen, but the *Chineses* seldom practice hunting: They know not what it is to run a Race; they are very careful and curious in harnassing well their Horses, but they do not know how to manage them.

We desired to know, Whether they took any Tobacco?

To this he replied, That they take no Tobacco in Powder, but in Smoak; the *Tartars* and the *Chineses*, the Men and the Women are great takers of Tobacco. For that purpose, the Women are commonly pro-



provided with a Bag that hangs over their shoulders, where their Pipe and their Tobacco is kept; but the Men carry their Pipes at their Girdles.

Monsieur *Dati* desired to know, Whether the word *Mandarin* be of *China*?

He answered, That it was a *Portugues*, and that at *China* they are termed *Quon*, which signifies a Prince, or a Governor.

We asked him concerning their Courage and Inclinations, to Martial exploits and War.

He assured us, That they were Cowards, and that in three years time that he lived in *China*, he never could see above two people fight together at cuffs; for they have no other way to satisfy their revenge, and end their quarrels.

We inquired of him, whether in his return he had not met with one Monsieur *Tavernier*, a *French* Merchant,

chant, that was gone from *Legorre*, about two years since, into the *Indies*, to carry thither a great deal of riches in Jewels ; amongst the rest, he had a set of great Saphires, and of Pearls, as big as Pears, to make a Rose, which he intended for the Great *Mogol*, to imbellish the Plume of his Elephant. I told him also, that Monsieur *Tavernier* had said, That the Great *Mogol* did spend every day Fifteen thousand Crowns, only to keep the Elephants of the late King his Father. Therefore I desired him to tell us, whether we were to believe any such thing.

He assured us, That he had met with Monsieur *Tavernier* in *Persia*, and that I might credit what he had told me, and much more concerning the expence of this Prince to keep his Elephants.

That you may better understand the truth, you must know said Father *Grueber*, That *India* beyond,  
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and on this side of the River *Ganges*, is divided into several distinct Regions or Governments, which are given by the Great *Mogol*, to the Lords of his Court, during life, upon condition of paying every year a certain sum of money, as a Present or a Tribute. Besides that, they are also obliged to keep always, some a thousand, others two thousand men on foot, others five thousand, which may be ready to march at the Emperors command. By this means it happens, that the number of their *Militia* never diminishes; and when the Prince comes to take a view of them, if the Soldiers be not well chosen, and of a good appearance, well cloathed and armed, their Cheiftains are in danger of Banishment from Court. Therefore the *Mogol*, may upon a sudden, raise five or six hundred thousand men, ready for the encounter, without putting himself

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to any extraordinary expence; for every Governor is obliged to have all his *Militia* ready, in all times of the greatest Peace. Now you must understand, that six or seven Elephants are kept purposely to attend upon the person of the *Mogol*, they are named *Panciasari*, which signifies *Lords of Five thousands*; because the Great *Mogol* expends as much to keep them, as the Lords or Governors do, to entertain Five thousand Horse in the Army.

By this you may judge, that what Monsieur *Tavernier* has told you, is very true. But you may take notice, that the *Mogol* spends a great deal of this money in keeping fair Horses, as well as Elephants. They are richly harnessed and adorned with many precious Stones; the *Mogol* delights much to make them run Races.

He told us, that the present Emperor in his young days, did seem  
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to affect a retired life, spending his time in contemplation. But since this crafty Hypocrite hath cast away his Mask, and pulled down his Father from his Throne, shutting him up in a prison at *Agra*; the old man is about Eighty six years of Age: Only the fear of the Rebellion of his people, that did intirely love the Father, has hindered him from taking away his life. His prison is a very large Palace, with many Buildings about it, and pleasant Gardens. He is there guarded by a numerous Company of Muskettiers, and attended upon by his Women that are kept in an adjoining *Seraglio*, in which he spends, for the most part his time, and passeth the melancholly thoughts of his retirement. The Emperor, his Son, caused a high Tower to be built near to this place, in such a manner, that it did overlook all the Gardens of his Father: Upon it he appointed a Watch-

Watchman to overlook and spie out all that passed in the Prison; but the old man caused him to be shot and killed by a Company of his Women: Then he desired the cheif Commander of the Prison, to tell his Son, from him, that he should do well to send such manner of Birds, and place them upon the same Tower, for they would give a great sport to his Women.

The present *Mogol*, or Emperor, is renowned for many examples of Justice and Wisdom, that are reported of him. It hapned when I was at *Laber*, a Prince caused the Groom of his Stables to be killed in a very barbarous manner, his head to be struck through with a large Nail, for a small fault, for not having tended and dressed his beloved Horse, as he should have done. When the Emperor was sitting in the Seat of Judicature, which he constantly doth every moneth, in a day

day appointed for that purpose, in a great Meadow, out of the Royal City, the Grooms or Farriers Wife made her complaints of the cruel massacre of her Husband; the Great *Mogol* sent immediately for the Prince, and asked him, If it were so as the Woman said; He confessed his crime: Therefore the *Mogol* caused him to be stretched upon the Ground, and commanded the Woman, or the Farriers Widow, to deal with him in the same manner as he had dealt with her deceased husband. There are many other reports concerning the Justice and Wisdom of this Prince. He governs his Kingdom very well, and causeth Justice to be administred, only to ingratiate himself with his Subjects, and prevent the tumults which they might otherwise be tempted to raise, because of the cruel detention of his aged Father; for which unnatural deed, he knows that he is hated.

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He is about forty years old, it may be when his Father shall be dead, he will loose his present Moderation, and his forced Inclinations now imprisoned, by the considerations of Safety and Interest, may burst out and discover themselves.

In this manner Father Grueber answered to our Questions; we had a great desire to inquire of other Matters, concerning that remote Countrey; but in regard our conversation had lasted many hours, and that much of the night had been spent in this pleasing discourse, we thanked him for his great civility, and withdrew to our Lodgings.

*Observations of the Travels of  
Father J. Grueber, taken out of  
the Letters which he hath written  
in Latine to Kircherus.*

IN the Year One thousand six hundred sixty one, in the Moneth of June, these Fathers travelled out of *Pekin*, and in thirty days they arrived at *Siganfu*; and from thence they went to *Sining* or *Siningfu*, in as many more, having twice passed the River *Hoang*. This City of *Sining* or *Siningfu*, is a great City full of Inhabitants, scituate near the prodigious Wall of *China*; through its Gates all Merchants and Passengers, out of *India*, must pass to enter into *Cathaia* or *China*, and where they must rest, until they have got, from the King, a Passport to proceed further.

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This City is in Thirty six Degrees and ten Minutes from the Pole. From *Sining* they went in three Moneths time through *Kalmuck*, a WilderNESS of *Tartaria*, to the Borders of the Kingdom of *Lassa*, which the *Tartars* call *Barantola*. This WilderNESS is in some places Mountainous, in others plain, full of Sand and Gravel; and therefore is barren and unfruitful: Nevertheless, Nature hath allowed some few Rivers to water it; upon their Banks there is very good Grass for Cattle. This Desert stretches it self from the Southern part of *India*, to the Northern, and is so large, that never any body yet, that I could find did ever survey its bounds; some think that it reacheth as far as the Frozen Seas. It hath many names. *P. Marcus Venetus* names it the Desert of *Lop*, famous for the ordinary apparitions of Devils and Spirits but the Fathers of our Society make

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no mention of it, although these Spirits have oftentimes discovered themselves: He does not approve of their continuance and constant appearing to all. The *Tartars* did antiently call it *Belgian*, afterwards *Somo*, the *Chineses* *Kalmuck*, others *Caracathai*, that is to say, *Black Cathaia*, where no Animal is to be seen but wilde Beeves of an extraordinary bigness.

The *Tartars* that are used to the Desarts, venture through at any time; and when they come to the Rivers that afford any feeding for their Cattel, there they commonly pitch their Tents, capacious enough to shelter Man and Beast.

From *Lassa*, otherwise named *Barantola*, situate in twenty nine degrees and six minutes from the Pole, they came in four days to the Foot of the Mountain *Langur*. This Mountain is one of the highest of the World; so that when Travel-  
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lers pass over its top, they can scarce draw their breath, because of the subtilty of the Air. The breath of several venomous Herbs render a passage this way in Summer, to be very dangerous to our health. This Mountain is so full of grievous Precipices, and steep Rocks, that neither Cart nor Horse can pass over it; therefore all Passengers are forced to march a foot, for a moneths time till they come to *Cuth*, the first Town of the Kingdom of *Nekbal* upon the Borders.

Although this Region is so mountainous and difficult to pass over Nature hath furnished it with several Springs of hot and of cold Water, that burst out of the Concavities. Here is in some places plenty of Fish for Men, and Grass for Cattle. I think this is the Hilly Region which *Ptolomy* saith, that it lies under the Mount *Caucasus*, and stretcheth it self a great way into the East the Countrey.

Countrey, and then divides into ranks of Hills; the one tends to the North, the other to the South. He calls it *Parapanismus*, and *P. Marcus Venetus*, *Belor*. Other Nations do give other names to these Hills that border upon their several Countreys.

From *Cuth*, in five days journey, they came to the City *Nesti*, belonging to the Kingdom of *Nekbal*, where the Inhabitants live in a most grievous Idolatry, without the least knowledge of Christianity. This place abounds in all manner of things necessary for the life of Man; so that you may have thirty or forty Hens for a crown.

From *Nesti* they travelled in six days, to the *Metropolis* of the Kingdom of *Nekbal*, called *Cadwendu*, lying in twenty seven degrees and five minutes from the Pole. The King is a great Prince, and a Heathen, but no Enemy to Christianity.

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From *Cadmendu*, in half a day, they went to *Nekbal*, the cheif City of the Kingdom, which is called also *Baddan*; and from thence, in five days, they arrived at the City *Hedonda*, belonging to the Kingdom of *Maranga*, situate in twenty six degrees and thirty six minutes from the Pole. From thence, in eight days, Travellers go to *Mutgari*, the first City upon the confines of the Kingdom of *Mogol*. From *Mutgari*, they went to *Battana*, a Town of the Kingdom of *Bengala*, situate upon the River *Ganges*, in twenty five degrees and forty four minutes. From *Battana*, in eight days, they came to *Benares*, a populous Town near the River *Ganges*, lying in twenty four degrees and fifty minutes. It is a noted place, for there are the Schools of the *Brachmans*, where all the Sciences, professed in those Countreys, are taught, and  
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with them, the most abominable Superstitions.

From *Benares*, there are eight days journey, to *Catampor*; and from thence to *Agra*, seven more.

From *Pekin* to *Agra*, Men go in 214 days. But when they go no faster than the *Carravans*, they are fourteen moneths in their journey.

This Relation I had from the Fathers of our Society, who gave me this account of their Journeys.

These Kingdoms were never known by any in *Europe* before, nor to the Geographers. In their passage they took notice of many particulars concerning the Customs and Manners of the several Inhabitants.

From *Pekin*, the Imperial City of *China*, they travelled in two moneths to the famous Walls of that Countrey, where the great City *Sining-fu* is situate, as a strong Bulwark against the *Tartars* invasions. They



took great notice of the Walls, that are as strongly built, as the conveniences of that place will afford. This Wall is so large, that six Horsemen may ride upon it, in a brest, without hindering one another. They are often visited by the Inhabitants of *Siningfú*, to receive the benefit of the fresh Air, which comes off from the Sandy Mountains of the Neighboring Desert; and to exercise themselves in walking and delighting their eyes, with the pleasant Prospects; for they are so high, that they discover the Countrey round about, and invite the Citizens to take a view of the delightful objects that appear before them : There is a very easie ascent up to this high Wall.

Its length from this City, to the other Gate, by which Men come out of the Desarts into the Town of *Sucien*, is about eighteen days journey; many, out of curiosity, as well

well as out of necessity of business, undertake this journey. For that purpose they get a Passport from the Governor of *Siningfa*, and provide themselves with sufficient victuals. They say, that in this delightful pilgrimage, they may see an infinite number of dwellings in their way, in the *China* side, which they discover as from a high Mountain; but on the other side, towards the great and spacious Wilderness, as the Inhabitants have told them, there are all manner of wilde Beasts to be seen, *Tigers, Lions, Elephants, Rhinocerots, Leopards, Wilde Bulls, Monocerots*; this last sort are a kind of *Asses* with Horns in their Fronts. The beholders may from hence, without fear of danger, please themselves with many strange and unusual sights of furious Beasts, especially from that part of the Wall that is towards the South, in the most inhabited places near to *Quam-*

*si, Jurnam, and Tibet.* From hence to the Yellow River, in the Countrey adjoyning to the Wall, the wild Beasts hunt together in Companies to seek for food in these places that are full of Brambles and Bushes.

When the Fathers of our Society were gone out of this prodigious Wall, into the Neighboring Wilderness, they found a small Stream of Water full of Fish, whereof they dressed a great quantity in their Tent, and kept some for another time. When they were passed over the Yellow River which runs out of the Wall, they entered into that vast Desart of *Kalmuk*, full of unfruitful Mountains, and Fields most dreadful to behold; and in three moneths they arrived at the Kingdom of *Barantola*.

Although this Wilderness be so solitary, and uninhabitable, it is frequented by the *Tartars* of *Kalmuk*, at certain times of the year, when  
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the Grass appears upon the sides of the Rivers ; then they transport their Portable Houses or Tents, and pitch them in such numbers together, that any man would judge every company to be a City.

These *Tartars* take the liberty to march up and down, and plunder all that they can meet with ; therefore it is necessary to be well armed against the violences of these Rogues, and to travel with a good *Caravan*. Our Fathers did often light upon several scattered companies of them, as they travelled through this Wilderness.

The *Lama*, who are the Priests of these *Tartars* of *Kalmak*, are distinguishable by a Red Hat, a White Gown twisted behind, a Red Girdle, and a Yellow Tunick : At their Girdle there is a Purse that is fastned to it. They say, that the *Tartars* of *Kalmak* are cloathed with Skins, and a Yellow Cap ;

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their Women with Skins, or with Green or Red Stuffs; every one of them hath a Charm and Characters hung about their Necks, to protect them from evil spirits and witchcraft. They lodge in the innermost Room of the Tent, made up with portable Staves, but the outside is covered with a thick Woollen Cloath and tied with Ropes. When their *Lamae* are at their Devotions, their Bigots, there present, roul about a Wheel, and handle it as a Scepter.

They have given the description of *Han*, a deceased King of *Tanguth*, whom they say had fourteen Sons, and for his Goodness and Justice in governing his Kingdom, the Inhabitants have honored him as a god, in their Countrey fashion. He is said to have been of a Tawny countenance, he had a Beard of a Chestnut colour, and Eyes like unto Dogseyes, swelling out of his Head.

*Tanguth*

*Tanguth* is a large Kingdom of *Tartaria*, these Father-Jesuites have travelled through a great part of it.

At that time, in the Court of *Dena*, King of *Tanguth*, there was a Woman came from the Northern part of *Tartary*, that wore twisted Hair, in the manner of Ropes; her Head was adorned with Sea-shells, and her middle bound about with a Girdle. In the same place, some of the Courtiers were habited as Women, only their Cloaths were of a Red colour as their Priests.

Into these Kingdoms of *Tanguth* and *Barantola*, the Devils subtilty hath brought in a most abominable and horrid custom. They chuse a strong youth, stout, and lusty, and give him liberty at certain times of the year, to kill, with the weapons, that he hath for that purpose, Men, Women, and Children, that he meets in his way; and when they are

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killed in this manner, they imagine that they are consecrated to their goddess *Menipe*, that they are in a most happy estate; and therefore the living render to their memories, particular honors.

The youth is cloathed with a Garment of several colours, he is furnished with a Sword, with Bow, Arrows, and a Quiver; he carries sometimes a Banner. At a certain season, he is transported with Fury, and possessed by the Spirit, unto whom he is consecrated; he flies into the Streets, and rambles up and down; all that he meets, he kills, for none dare make him any resistance.

This youth they call, in their Tongue, *Buth*, which word signifies a *Slayer*. Whiles the Fathers were there, they had a sight of him habited in that manner as he is already described.

In this large Kingdom of *Tanguth*, there are many Kingdoms included, first, *Barantola*, which is also called *Lassu*, the name of the *Metropolis* of that Kingdom. It hath a King of its own, miserably addicted to Paganism. He worships many Heathen Idols, amongst whom *Menipe* is one of the cheif. Its head riseth up as a Sugar-loaf, in a monstrous manner. *Kircherus* hath promised to publish a discourse, more at large, of this and other Idols of *China*.

Before this Idol, these people perform their Sacrifices with strange gestures, often repeating this exclamation, *O Manipe mi hum, ô Manipe mi hum*, that is, *Manipe save us*. Besides, these foolish Idolaters bring to their Idol, to ingratiate themselves with him, all kind of Meats; and observe many other abominable practices of the antient Heathens.

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There is another Image of a false God to be seen in *Barantola*, which is so strange, that scarce any body will believe it ; therefore I shall here give a more punctual account of it.

The said Fathers, *Grueber* and *d'Orville* affirm, that whiles they waited at *Barantola*, about two Moneths, until a *Caravan* was ready to march, they took great notice of the Peoples Manners and Customs, whereof some were ridiculous, and some most abominable.

In this Kingdom there are two Kings, the one is imployed about the Government of the Kingdom, and is named *Dena* ; the other is retired from all worldly affairs ; he lives idle in the secret Chambers of his Pallace, and is adored and worshipped as a god ; not only by the Natives, but also by all the Kings of *Tartaria*, subject to this Kingdom ; for they come to him in pilgrimage.

grimage. They name him their eternal and heavenly Father, and reverence him as the true and living God, by offering to him great presents. He sits in an obscure and dark place of his Pallacc, adorned with Gold and Silver, upon a Bed raised on high; under his feet rich Carpets are spread, and round about him many Lamps stand lighted. When strangers come to him, they fall upon their faces, they creep to him upon their knees, and kiss his feet, as the Papists do the toes of their Pope, with a wonderful respect.

From hence we may discover the Devils subtilty, in appropriating this ceremony and testimony of respect due to none on Earth, but to the Pope of *Rome*, to the barbarous Superstitions of this Idolatrous Nation. He hath had the malice to transfer and usurp all the other mysteries

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speaks as a Papist.

mysteries of our Faith to his own Worship. As the Papiſts call the Pope, the Father of all Spiritual Fathers ; ſo theſe Idolaters call this Demy-God, *The great Lama*, or *The High Priest*, or *The Lama of Lamas* ; that is, *The Priest of Priests* : For all their Religion and Idolatry depends upon him ; therefore they honor him with the title of *Eternal Father*. And that by his deceaſe, his weakneſs and mortality might not appear, the Inferior *Lamæ*, and other Priests only are admitted to attend upon him, to procure him whatſoever he ſtands in need of, to receive his commands, and deliver them as Oracles of the Divinity to the ſimple Pilgrims.

Theſe men after his death, are wont to ſeek another, as like him in feature and ſtature as they can ; him they liſt upon the Throne. By this means the whole Kingdom, unacquainted with the manner of the deceit,

deceit, firmly believes that he is risen again to them, from the dead, seven times; and that he shall continue for ever. This persuasion is so fixed in their minds, blinded with the Devils illusions and deceits, that there is none questions it. Therefore he is worshipped by all in a signal manner. Every one esteems him happy indeed, who can prevail so much upon the goodness of the inferior *Lama*, his attendants, as to get something that hath but touched his body, or been taken from him, which they bear about their necks. For that purpose they load them with many rich gifts to obtain this their desire. O abominable and filthy blindness! By these Relicks, they imagine themselves protected against all manner of evils.

This the said Fathers understood, to their great grief, from the Inhabitants of *Barantola*. It is true, the

the Fathers did not see this great *Lama*, because none is admitted that makes profession of the Christian Religion; and there are many previous Ceremonies full of Idolatry to be practiced, before any man can be permitted to go near him, but they saw his Picture at the Entry in of the Kings Palace; unto which, as much reverence is paid, when but represented in Pictures and Images, as if he were there in person, by these Idolaters. His authority is so great all over *Tartaria*, that there is no King that offers to take upon him his royal Scepter, but he sends first his Ambassadors with rich presents to the great *Lama*, to obtain his blessing for his happy and prosperous reign.

They saw also at *Barantola* some strange Women, of a Neighbor Kingdom called *Coin*, one old and the other young: Women of an ancient Nobility fold up their Hair in a bundle,

bundle, and cast them behind their backs. Upon their foreheads they wear a red Ribbon, adorned with Pearl, but on their heads a Silver Crown, in the shape of a Box, embellished with *Turkoises* and *Corral*.

They arrived next from *Baranto-la* to the Kingdom of *Nekbal*, through a difficult way that leads over one of the highest Mountains of the World, named *Langur*, which we have already described. They found all things there needful to the life of Man, but only the knowledge of Christianity; for the Natives are all involved in the thick mists of the Heathens ignorance.

The cheif Towns are *Cuthi* and *Vesti*; the Custome of the Inhabitants is, when any drink to Women, other persons pour into the Cup their liquor called *Chà*, or Wine, three times, and observe other ridiculous ceremonies.

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There is another custome practised here most horrid and barbarous, they bring out into the open field, and leave upon the ground, in the cold and wet, without any pittie, such as are desperately sick and near death ; and when they are dead they suffer them to be devoured by the wild Fowl, by the Wolves and Dogs ; for they look upon this namely the stomachs of living Animals, to be the most glorious Monuments that their dead Corps can pretend to. The Women of the Kingdom are so ugly and deformed that they seem to be Devils, rather than humane Creatures : For they never wash themselves for Religion sake, but anoint themselves with an oyl, noisome to our smells, which causeth them to stink most intolerably to all strangers, and cover them over with such frightful appearances, that one would thinke

them to be Witches, and Devils in humane shapes.

The King was very kind to these Fathers, chiefly because they gave him some Prospective Glasses, which he had never seen before, and some other curious trifles which surprised him in such a manner, that he resolved to detain these Fathers with him, and would not suffer them to depart, until they had solemnly promised to return; which if they did, he engaged to assign them an house, which he would build for their use, to allow them a sufficient livelihood, and full liberty to propagate their faith in any part of his Kingdom.

When they departed out of *Nek*, they entered into the Confines of the Kingdom of *Maranga*, which borders upon that of *Tebet*, the chief Town is *Rodok*, the uttermost bounds of the Travels of Father *Andrada*.

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They found here some signs of Christianity, by the names of *Francis*, *Anthony*, and *Dominicus*, &c. which made them conjecture, that our Religion had been heretofore professed in this place. From hence they travelled to the first City of the *Mogols* Kingdom, named *Haldonda*; and from thence to *Battana*, a City upon the River *Ganges*, and then to *Benares*, the Academy of the *Brachmans*; afterwards they went to *Agra*, the Royal Palace of the *Mogol*. Father *Albertus d'Orville*, sick and weary of his travelling died within a few days after arrival, in this middle way between *China* and *Europe*.

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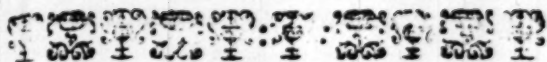
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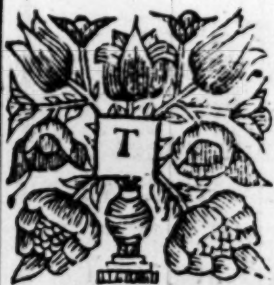
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# The most noted Passages of the Raign of the *French* King.



He *French* and  
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or the jealousies of State, or the  
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tural averfions and animofities  
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frequently kindle the flames of War.  
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putes ; for both the *Spaniard* and the *French*, have no compli-  
ance nor respect for one another. They are  
naturally proud and high-minded,  
they pretend both to the Universal  
Monarchy, and think all the World  
must bow and creep to their great-  
ness. I intend not to examine in  
this short Tract, the causes of  
their frequent Ruptures and Wars,  
I shall confine my discourse within  
the Borders of the *French* Domini-  
ons, where we must visit the King  
and Court, and see what hath hap-  
pened worthy of our observation up-  
on that famous Theater of *Europe*.  
I design not so much to satisfy the  
*Readers* curiosity, as to furnish him  
with that knowledge which he may  
improve to his advantage ; for in  
every capacity true and impartial  
History tends to our right informa-  
tion and direction, God by his pro-  
vidence teacheth men as well as by  
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neglect the means that he affords for our instruction. And there is nothing more required in men that pretend to learning and perfection, then to be acquainted with the late and present Affairs, as well as with those that we have received from our Forefathers Relations.

It is very observable, that the *French* and *Spaniards* seldom conclude Peace without a Marriage. The old Fable of *Mars's* Adultery or Conjunction with *Venus*, is a practice so ordinary amongst them, that it needs no proof. In the year Onethousand six hundred and fifteen, the Politicians of both Kingdoms were resolved to conclude their disputes, and reunite their interests in a Marriage between *Lewis* the Thirteenth, surnamed *The Just*, and *Anne* of *Austria*, *Infanta* of *Spain*. Both Kingdoms expected from these two hopeful Princes, a numerous posterity ; but to the

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great disappointment of their Subjects, and of all *Europe*, they lived together three and twenty years without Children. Success follows not always our best endeavors. At last in the Moneth of *September*, One thousand six hundred thirty and eight, the Queen was brought to Bed of a brave lusty Boy, who was saluted and welcomed into the World by the Parliament of *Paris*, with the name of *Dieu-donné*, *Given of God*: For they were verily perswaded, that his Birth and Conception had been miraculous, in regard of the indisposition of his Father. To strengthen this perswasion, the more by Cardinal *Mazarines* contrivance, then the *Faictum* of *France*, the King, the Queen, and the whole Court had been in Procession, with much devotion, barefooted, to the Chappel of the Virgin *Mary*, near *Paris*, to desire from her, a Son and Heir to the Crown of  
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*France.* Therefore the *French* look upon this Prince, as the effect and return of their Prayers, then solemnly offered up to the Blessed Virgin; for within a year after, the King and Queen were blessed with this hopeful Child, to the greater joy of *France*, then of some of the Blood Royal, who had promised to themselves the Kingdom, in case *Lewis* the Thirteenth did die without issue. Their discontents remained long concealed in private, and were not suffered to break out into a Publick War, by the good order that the Cardinal gave to the Affairs of the Kingdom, and by their respect for the King, then alive. But afterwards, when they saw *Lewis* in his Grave, the People dissatisfied, and the Grandees discontented, with the *Italian* Government, they proclaimed their displeasures at the Head of an Army, with the loud noise of Drums, Trumpets, and

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Cannon ; as we shall see by and by.

As soon as the *Dolphin* was inaugurated into his Principality, and initiated into Christian Religion, they gave him his Attendants and Officers, according to his quality and Birth ; the two cheif were his Governess — a Lady of a noble spirit, and *Hardouin de Peresfixe*, afterwards Bishop of *Rhodes*, and since removed to the Archbishoprick of *Paris*, was his Governor and Tutor. He is a great Polititian, Wise, and Learned, very affable and courteous. Whiles he lay in his Cradle, we can find nothing worthy of our notice, but as soon as he stept out of it to walk alone, Providence waited upon him, to put into his hands a Scepter, before he could manage it : For at four years of age, and a few Moneths, his Father *Lewis*, surnamed *The Just*, departed this life, having published  
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before his Declaration, dated *April* 21. 1643. By which the Queen was appointed Regent, and Governess of the whole Kingdom, the Duke of *Orleans* was her Lieutenant, and cheif of the Council. The Prince of *Condé* deceased, the Cardinal *Mazarine*, Monsieur *Seignier*, Chancellor of *France*, Monsieur *Bouthillier*, and Monsieur *Chavigny*; were to be of this Privy Council; but the conduct of the Army, then on foot, was left to the Duke of *Enguien*, who is now Prince of *Condé*.

This Declaration settled the Affairs of the Kingdom, and prevented the mischeif which might have hapned, in case the election of these great Officers of State had been left to the choice of such as might have designed to imbroid the Kingdom, for their own private ends. About a Moneth after, on the fourteenth day of *May*, 1643. the King

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died. At that time the *Spaniard* was attempting to enlarge his Dominions in the *Low Countreys*, by a War with *France*. Don *Francisco de Melo* was Viceroy there, at the Head of an Army before *Rocroy*, a *French* Garrison, which he besieged in vain: For the Duke of *Enguien*, a young General, of twenty two years of age, came seasonably to its relief, forced the *Spaniards* to a retreat, and obtained of them a notable victory on the nineteenth of *May*. All their Artillery was taken, with about threescore Colours; all their Bag and Baggage, and six thousand prisoners: The Colours were sent to *Paris*, to be presented to the new King, six days after his promotion to the Throne. The Viceroy behaved himself like a great Commander, he encouraged his men by his words, promises, and example; where he perceived the greatest danger, there did he hazard his

his person, and his life ; but when he saw the day lost, and the grievous slaughter of his Soldiers, he found a way out of his Trenches, to retreat with the sad remains of his broken Army, and left his Enemy to glory in their Success, and to enrich themselves with his spoils. The Count *de Fontaines* was then grievously incommoded with a disease ; nevertheless, for the honor of his Master, he caused himself to be carried in a Chair, during the fight, that he might assist his men with his Counsels, and encouragement ; seeing he could not help them by his example. He purchased to himself much renown with the loss of his life ; for he resolved to overcome or die. Therefore in the hurry and rout of the *Spaniards*, whom he labored to keep to their Colours, he was killed by a mean hand.

This victory gave a check to the designs of the Court of *Spain*, of

inlarging their Borders upon *France*. They had perswaded themselves, that the *French* had been discouraged, during the sickness of the old King ; and that they were not so able to make resistance in the minority of the new ; for commonly, Factions and private Interests, raign in all Courts and Armies, when the Prince hath not attained to the age and ability of managing his own affairs. But it hath been observed, that when men intend to advantage themselves by their Neighbors weakness, they find themselves disappointed at last, for providence makes use of the feeblest and most contemptible Agents to defeat the proudest purposes.

The *French* General pursued the Enemy into his own Countrey, and took, from him, several small Forts and Towns , as *Maubenge*, *Borlemont*, *Aimmerikt*, *Binch*, and *Thionville*, &c. So that they that had  
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flattered themselves of enjoying new Conquests, lost a small portion of their own Land. The Castle and Town of *Cirke* stopped the course of the victorious General; it was so well furnished with Men and Provisions, and commanded by such a resolute Governor, that the threats of the *French* Army, the inconvenience of an approaching Siege, and the noise of the thundering Cannon, could not prevail upon him to yield to the first Summons; therefore it held out against the *French* several days; but when they had brought their Trenches to the Town Walls, the *Spaniard* hearkened to Conditions of Surrendering it up.

After this, the Duke of *Enguien* left the Army, about the latter end of *August*, to receive the Compliments of the Court at *Paris*, for his great success in *Flanders*; but at his first arrival, the news of the

death of the Mareschal de Guebriant, General of the *French* Forces in *Germany*, hastned him thither. He had been engaged in a Battle against the Imperialists, on the seventeenth of *November*, where he was mortally wounded; for he died a few days after. The fight had been desperate between the *Germans*, and the *French*, both lost a great many of their best men; so that the *French* Army was not able to hold the Field any longer, without the coming in of fresh and victorious Troops out of *Flanders*, with their young General *Enguien*. His coming restored heart and courage to the shattered Companies of the dead Mareschals Army. The *French*, who are always wont to boast much in their Successes and Victories, and seldom or never to grant the loss of the day to their triumphing Enemies, declare, That the Mareschal beat the *Germans* out of the Field. It is certain

certain they seised, a little after, upon *Rotneil*, a Frontier-Town, where the wounded *Mareschal* breathed forth his last gasp.

This War between *France* and *Spain*, had engaged most Princes of *Europe*, in the quarrel, the Trumpets sounded round about the Borders, in *Savoy*, in *Italy*, in *Navarre*, *Catalonia*, *Flanders*, *Germany*, *Alsatia*, &c. Armies and Armed Men did carry about, Death and Destruction.

In *Italy*, the *French* had three watchful Commanders, Prince *Thomas* took from the *Spaniard*, *Trin*; the Marquess of *Ville* seised upon *Ast*; and the Count of *Plessis-Praslin* invaded *Estura*, small places that would deserve no mention, if these Generals had but taken any more considerable Towns; but for want of stronger and more noted Garrisons, and braver exploits, the *French* must needs stuff their Relations with



with the taking of these poor Hamlets. And the *Spaniards*, on their side, were not idle, they gained several places upon the *French*, but none of any importance.

In *Catalonia*, the *Mareschal de la Monthe Houdancour* commanded as Viceroy, for the *French*, at the head of a small Army, with which, he drove the *Spaniards* from the Siege of *Miravel* and *Flix*; he made some inroads into the Kingdom of *Arragon*, and seized upon *Almeras*.

In the same year, at Sea, as well as at Land, the affairs of War were carried on with much heat: The Duke of *Brezè* was Admiral for the *French*, in the *Streights*. He engaged, with his Light Squadrons, against the *Spanish Fleet*, twice, once before *Carthagena*, in the Moneth of *August*; and another time, on the ninth day of *September*. In both Rencounters, the *Armadoes* exchanged a few Bullets, looked one an-

another in the face ; but they were so scared with their Enemies frightful countenances, and with the apprehension of what might happen, if they continued too obstinately in the fight , that they were both willing to part upon equal terms ; although the *French* and *Spaniard* both claim the Victory as their own.

When the War is once kindled between these two Nations , it is not one or two Campaignes can put a period to their disputes ; no less then a River of the Subjects Blood must be spilled , to extinguish the flames. And it is observable, that all their Neighbors must dance at the sound of their Fiddles, and be interested in their quarrels. All the Nations of *Europe* must attend upon them, and second their bloody designs. War like a Tempest, commonly riseth out of *Spain* or *France*, then it spreads it self, and involves  
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all the Neighborhood into the same misery. Both Kingdoms are so populous and considerable, that when the Princes of either stir, all the bordering people move; they are forced in their own defence to have their Armies ready; which when they are so, Interest obliges them to employ them.

During this Winter, great preparations were making for the ensuing Spring of the year 1644. As soon as it appeared, the Duke of Orleans was appointed to command in *Flanders*, where he besieged *Graveling*, which was surrendered to him, after a stout resistance of two moneths: He made his entry the Twenty ninth of *July*.

This place was strong and well fortified, and the Key of *Flanders*, on that side; therefore the taking of it, did as much rejoyce the *French*, as it did grieve the *Spaniard*. After this success, the Marechal of *Gassion*,

*Gassion*, Lieutenant General, had orders to march with his Army further into the Enemies Countrey, where he took and pillaged some small Castles, the Abby of *Vate*, the Forts of *Rebus*, *d'Hennin*, and *Arq*. Some few *Spanish* Troops that were so unhappy as to come within his reach, were put to flight.

In the mean while, the Duke of *Enguien* was General in *Germany*; for that Countrey hath always been the Seat of War, when any is stirring in *Europe*. At this time, the whole House of *Austria* that have so great a sway in that Climat, thought themselves ingaged to assist the King of *Spain*, their Brother, against the common Enemy the *French*. General *Merci* commanded the Army of the Duke of *Bavaria*, he was so successful to take *Friedburgh* from the *French*. As he was marching farther, to besiege some other place, the Duke of *Enguien*  
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met him with his Army, and engaged three times on three several days; at last, the *French* forced them, after a notable slaughter, to a disorderly retreat. After this, many considerable Towns submitted to the conquering valor of the Duke of *Enguien*, and received, from him, Garrisons only to preserve their Territories from the spoil, which otherwise he would have made. *Philipsbourgh*, a strong Frontier Town, *Vormes*, *Spire*, *Mayence*, *Burghen*, *Landau*, and the Castle of *Magdebourgh*, were yielded up this Summer.

But before the year was over, the Princes of *Europe* agreed to send all their Plenipotentiaries to *Munster*, there to compose their differences, and agree in a General Peace; for *Germany*, and the Frontier Towns of the Empire had been so much impoverished, by the long and continual Wars, that as many died by  
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Famine, as formerly by the Sword. The only remedy was an Universal Peace, which was endeavored between all the Princes of Christendom. The Queen Regent of *France*, sent thither the Count *d'Avaux*, and Monsieur *Servien*, to manage the *French* interest; afterwards the Duke of *Longueville* followed. The Treaty began in the Moneth of *April*, 1644. but could not be concluded till the Twenty fourth of *October*, 1648. All the Monarchs of *Europe* agreed to lay down Arms, and to suffer their People to enjoy the Blessings of Peace, only *France* and *Spain* had such differences as could not be composed, their pretensions were so high, and so intangled, That the greatest Politicians that assisted at this composition of Affairs, could not find any expedient to bring them to an agreement: Therefore the Ministers of other Princes did their business without

without them. When they saw them so stiff, in not yielding to one another, they left them to themselves, and their Masters alone, to end their own quarrels, and fight till they were weary. That which administered new difficulties every day to this Peace, between the two Monarchies, was the prosecution of the War, which was so vigorously managed by the *French*, in the time of the Treaty, that in the beginning of the Spring, 1645. they had five Armies on foot, in *Flanders*, in *Germany*, in *Lorraine*, in *Catalonia*, and in *Italy*.

The Army of *Flanders*, was commanded by the Duke of *Orleans*, as *Generalissimo*; his Lieutenants were the *Mareschals de Gassion*, and *Rantzau*: At their passage over the River of *Colme*, there was a very hot dispute between the *French* and *Spaniards*; but, in fine, the two *Mareschals* behaved themselves so bravely,

bravely, that the *Spaniard* was put to flight, and the passage opened. *Mardike*, *Bourbourg*, *Lillers*, *Bethune*, *Mount-Cassel*, *S. Venant*, *Menenes*, and *Armentiers*, were forced to yield. The Town of *Lens* was suddenly taken.

Upon the Borders of *Germany*, the Duke of *Enguien*, the French General, marched with his Troops as far as the *Nekar*, he took *Rotembourg*, and went next to find out his Enemies, the United Forces of the Empire, that were encamped about *Nortlinguen*, and *Dunkespiel*. The French had here a notable victory, Four thousand men were killed, with *Merci*, the Duke of *Bavariaes* General; *Gleen*, the Emperors General was taken, with all the Provisions, Artillery, Waggon, and above forty Colours. The Duke entertained *Gleen* very kindly, and set him at liberty; the Neighboring Towns, *Nortlinguen* and *Dunkespiel*,



*piel*, were surrendered to the *French*, after the Battle. The Army had orders to march towards *Hailbron*, but the Duke fell dangerously sick; so that he was forced to withdraw, and be carried to *Philipsbourgh*. At this time, the House of *Austria* united all its Forces under two Generals, the Archduke *Leopold*, and General *Galaz*. There were in this Army above Thirty thousand Men. Monsieur *de Turenne*, and the Marechal of *Grammont*, commanded in the *French* Army, instead of the Duke *d'Enguien*; they had not above Twelve or thirteen thousand Men, yet they behaved themselves so gallantly, that the Imperialists could never come to fight them. They retreated with their Soldiers through their Enemies Countrey, and returned safe home into the Borders of *France*. The *French* Generals were highly commended for their Wisdom, in foreseeing the danger

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danger of a General Battle ; and for their care and prudence, in managing the Retreat to save their Men.

In *Lorraine*, the Marechal de *Villeroi* was sent with an Army to drive the Duke out of his Dominions, because he had Confederated himself with the Enemies of *France*. The Inhabitants are naturally inclined to favor the *French*, therefore they made no great resistance, but submitted themselves to the King of *France's* General, only *La Mothe* held out. Monsieur *Magalot* undertook to defend it ; but his death caused it to be surrendered also : So that the poor Duke was driven out of all his Patrimony, by the overruling power of his Neighbor.

In *Catalonia*, the *French* were no less successful for the General, the Count *du Plessis-Praslin* took *Roses* the nineteenth of *May*, and the Count

Count *de Harcourt*, Viceroy of *Catalonia*, defeated the *Spaniards* in the Fields of *Liorerys*, and forced the Town of *Balaguier* to open its Gates. *Du Plessis-Praslin* was honored with the Staff of a Marechal of *France*, for his good service to that Crown; and was commanded into *Italy* to assist Prince *Thomas* against the *Spaniards*. In the Dukedom of *Milan*, *Viguerano* was taken from them; but when the Prince was in his Retreat, the *Spanish* Generals overpowered him; and had it not been for the seasonable coming in of the new Marechal, his Soldiers had been cut in pieces, and totally routed.

The next year 1646. the War was managed with the same fury as before, especially in *Flanders*, under the Dukes of *Orleans* and *d'Enguien*, who laid siege, with a numerous Army, well appointed, to the City of *Courtray*, which they took  
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in the presence of all the Forces of the House of *Austria*, that came with a design to raise the Siege. *Mardike* was again retaken from the *Spaniards*, and *Dunkirk* was besieged by the Duke of *Enguien*. *Caracena* and *Lambay* were the *Spanish* Generals, but they did not dare to adventure a pitched Battle. The Marquess of *Leda*, a famous and experienced Commander, was then Governor of this Town, that was well fortified by Nature as well as by Art. Nevertheless, the *French* won it in thirteen days, and forced the besieged to a Capitulation. After this, Prince *Thomas*, and the Duke of *Brezé* besieged, and took *Orbiselle*; but the *Spaniards* were so strong in *Italy*, that the Court ordered the Marechal *de la Meilleray*, and *du Plessis-Praslin*, with United Forces to march thither; they took two small places, *Paombino* and *Portolongone*.

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About this time, *Henry de Bourbon*, Prince of *Condé* died, the Six and twentieth of *December*, and his eldest Son, the Duke of *Enguien* succeeded him in his Principality, and to the honor of being the first Prince of the Blood Royal of *France*.

In the year 1647. the Mareschal *de Gassion* forced many places to submit ; he was wounded at the siege of *Lens*, and carried to *Arras*, where he died. Monsieur *Villequier* commanded in his absence, and took the Town.

About this time the Duke of *Brezé* was killed over against *Naples*, with a Cannon Bullet, and his Fleet was put to flight by the *Spanish Armado*.

But the misfortunes and ill successes of the Duke of *Gwise*, brought all his family to ruine. He had been solicited by the *Rebellious Neapolitans*, to command their Army  
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against their lawful Prince. He too credulously trusted an unconstant Rabble, and went to *Naples* to manage a War against *Spain*, in that part of the World, and dispossess the House of *Austria*, of one of its best Kingdoms.

His first arrival was attended by some Successes, and the favor of the Inhabitants; but when the Court of *France*, out of a jealousy of his greatness, began to frown upon him, and deny the assistance which they had promised, and might have sent him; the *Neapolitans* betrayed him to their old Masters for their own safety and pardon. He was carried into the Prisons of *Spain*, from whence he could scarce obtain his freedom in three years. This great disappointment brought the House of *Guise* to a low estate, together with some other miscarriages, that they have been guilty of.

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In this Campagne, *Lerida*, the strongest Bulwark upon the Borders of *Spain*, was streightly besieged by the Army of the Prince of *Condé*. The Count *de Harcourt*, had attempted it the year before ; but this place stood it out, till the last, so that the siege was raised to succor some other more considerable Town, which the *Spaniard* was ready to carry.

In the beginning of the Spring 1648. that dismal year for *England*, the Prince of *Condé* appeared again at the head of an Army in *Flanders*, where he took *Ypres* in twelve days; but before this siege was over, where the *French* Army suffered many wants, the *Spaniard* had recovered *Funes*, *Courtray*, and *Lens*. These advantages had made them contemn their Enemies, commanded by the Prince: So that General *Beck*, assistant to the Archduke *Leopold* in his Army, assured him of a  
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full victory over the *French*. With this persuasion, they ventured to engage, but the Troops of *Lorraine* were disordered in the Battle, and the Archdukes Cavalry were so miserably treated, that if the Prince *de Ligny* had not come in, with his reserve, the Archduke had been made prisoner. General *Beck* died with the displeasure of his ill success, as well as by his wounds. This Battle was fought the twentieth of *August*; it caused several petty Towns to open their Gates, as *Lens* and *Furnes*, &c. At this time, *Mareschal de Schomberg*, the Kings General in *Catalonia*, took the Town of *Tortoise*, in the Kingdom of *Valencia*, and defeated the Army of *Don Francisco de Melo*, the *Spanish* General, that came to relieve it.

All these Sieges, Battles, and Rencontres, hapned during the Treaty at *Munster*, which excluded the *French* and the *Spaniard*. Their



quarrels alone could not be ended, for the *Spaniards* had intelligence of a secret Conspiracy in *France*, where the greatest Princes were concerned. He did therefore expect to recover what he had lost by the favor of the Domestick Wars, and troubles of his Neighbors. The Prince of *Condé*, and many more of the Blood Royal were united together, they published their *Manifesto* to justify their taking up Arms to reform the Government, as was pretended, and to remove the Cardinal from that great trust reposed in him by the Queen. *Paris* held for the Rebels, and many other Towns were in danger of following the same example. The Inhabitants were more then usually scurrilous and scandalous against the King, the Queen, and the Cardinal. These troubles had almost deprived the young King of his Crown and Scepter, had it not been for the seasonable assistance  
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and kind Mediation of our great Monarch, and the vigorous endeavors of the Marechal *de Turenne*, more faithful to his King than to his Religion.

At last after much Bloodshed in an intestine War, the Prince retreated into *Flanders*, with those of his party, whom neither Love, Loyalty, nor Interest, could persuade to guard their young King. The *Spaniard* put him at the Head of their Troops, with which he recovered almost all the Towns that he had formerly lost. If the Marechal *de Turenne* had not stopped the progress of the Princes victories, he had invaded the Crown it self as well as the Frontier Towns. But after an absence of several years, the King invited him home, received him into his favor, bestowed upon him his Government, and Employes, and treated the Dukes of *Conti*, and *Longueville*, in the same generous

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manner, publishing a General Pardon to all other offenders in the Civil Wars.

On the Seventh of September, 1651. the King being thirteen years old, was declared of Age, sufficient to take upon him the Government, and to begin to act in person, in that sphere where providence had put him. The Declaration was approved of in the Parliament of *Paris*, and proclaimed all over the Land.

The War continued still between *France* and *Spain*. In the years 49, 50, 51, and 52, the *Spaniard* had the greatest Successes against the *French*; for they were assisted by the Sedition and Treachery of the Inhabitants, as much as by their own valor and numbers of Men, to recover more then they had formerly lost. But after the Kings majority, he appeared himself at the head of his Troops, and, with his presence, gave them so much courage

rage and resolution, that they turned the fortune of War. The City of *Bar*, and the Castle of *Ligny*, was surrendered to the Mareschal de la *Ferté*, in 1653. The Duke of *Espernon* besieged *Bellegard*, but could not take it, till the news was come, that the King was in the Camp; then the Governor was loath to stand it out against his own Prince. *Rethel* and *Mouzon* were retaken by Monsieur *Turenne*, *St. Menehou* by *la Ferté*, the twenty seventh of *November*. *Du Plessis Praslin* behaved himself so gallantly in taking this place, that the King gave it him to command. *Grancey* surprised *Castillon*, and withstood the valorous efforts of General *Caracena*.

The year 1654. was honored with the greatest solemnity, and most sacred Ceremony of *France*, the Coronation of their King at *Rheims*, with that holy Oyl which they affirm to be faln from Heaven,

and sent from God for that purpose, to anoint their Kings therewith. When they have been thus inaugurated, the people have a particular respect for their persons.

After this, *Stenay* was besieged by the *French*, commanded by *Mareschal d'Hocquincourt*; when the *Spaniard* saw they could not hinder the taking of this place, they labored to make a Diversion, and to recompence themselves for their loss, by the invasion of *Arras*. *Turenne*, *la Ferté*, and *Hocquincourt*, had orders to hazard all, rather then to suffer this great City to fall into their hands. When they had called a Council of War, they resolved to attack the Lines and Trenches, which they did with much resolution, in the night, the 24 and 25 days of *August*. *Hocquincourt* entered first into the Enemies Camp, through the Troops of the Duke of *Lorraine*, but he was beaten back  
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with a great slaughter of his Men; the other Commanders relieved, and seconded him; So that at last the *Spaniard* was forced to leave his Trenches with some loss of Men, of Ammunition, and Baggage: For the Governor of the Town sallied out at the same time, and received so much assistance, that the Enemy despaired of being able to gain the Walls. The *Spanish* General preserved his Army by a seasonable retreat, which was managed with that prudence and courage, that he hath worthily deserved the admiration of his Enemies. The King went to visit his Camp and Army immediately after this Siege was raised, to encourage and reward his brave Soldiers.

In *Catalonia* also, the Prince of *Conti* had some success in taking *Conflans* and *Cerdagne* from the *Spaniard*. About the beginning of the Spring 1655, *Landrecy*, *Maubenge*,

*Condé*, and *St. Guilham*, submitted themselves again to the *French* Monarchy. Thus these small places were often taken and retaken by the Armies of *Spain* and *France*. At every advantage, in the Field, these weaker Towns, of no resistance, were forced, for their preservation, to prefer their Safety to their Loyalty, and to side with the strongest party.

In this year there was a League Offensive and Defensive, made between *Cromwel* and *Mazarin*, against *Spain*, upon conditions disgraceful to the King and Court of *France*. Monsieur *Bourdeaux* solicited his Masters Affairs so notably, that he got that Arch-Rebel to send over, in the beginning of the Spring 1656. an Army of stout Soldiers, commanded by *Reynolds*. For although *France* abounds in Men, it is wont to make use of the valor of its Neighbors, in all Wars, against  
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strangers: For it hath been found, by experience, that the *French* are good for the first Onset, but cannot abide nor weather so many discouragements, as the *English*, *Scotch*, and *Switzers* can in War; besides their Foot are not to be compared to ours. Therefore they may ascribe their most difficult Conquests to their Money, and to the *English*, *Scotch*, *Irish*, and *Switzers* valor; as we shall see in several late Encounters with the *Hollanders* and *Imperialists*.

The year 1656. was noted for the remarkable Siege of *Valanciennes*, where the *French* received an overthrow, and were forced to quit the place; but afterwards they took *Cappelle* and *Valencia* in *Italy*.

In the beginning of the Campaign 1657. *Montmedy* was besieged by *la Ferté*, the King himself went thither, after that the Succors which were intended for a relief,



lief, were happily routed. Afterwards the City yielded to his Majesty, and opened its Gates to receive him on the seventh of *August*. *St. Venant*, *Bourbourg*, and the Fort of *Mardike*, also were taken by *Turenne*. Our *English* served him in good stead in the recovering of these places, especially in storming of *Mardike*. The attempt was not esteemed feasible by the *French* General, who had a design rather to besiege it, then to win it by an Assault. But our *English* Commanders undertook this perillous attempt, *Sir Tho. Morgan*, now Governor of *Jersey*, lead his Party with so much courage and resolution, that they recovered the top of the Walls in an instant, passing through showers of shot and fire, to the great astonishment of the rest of the Army. This Gentleman hath purchased to himself the name and honor of one of the bravest Soldiers of *Europe*.

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And when the *Spaniard* ventured in the night to surprise this Fort again, the *English* saved it, beat back the *Spaniard*, and obliged them to a speedy retreat to *Dunkirk*. After this *Turenne* was employed with a Flying Party to raise the Siege of *Ardes*, which he did with so much bravery, that the *Spaniard* received there a considerable loss.

But all these Conquests were inconsiderable to those of the next year 1658. *Turenne* and *La Ferté* were the two Generals of the *French*, and after the death of *Reynolds*, drowned near *Goodwin Sands*, in a small Boat in which he ventured to pass from *Mardike* into *England*, my Lord *Lockart*, then Ambassador at *Paris*, took the charge of the *English* Forces. The Army was commanded to besiege *Dunkirk*, for it had been agreed between *England* and *France*, that this place should be put into the *English* hands. It  
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was surrounded the Twenty fifth of *May*; which when the Marquess of *Leda* had notice of, he shut himself in, with a strong Garrison, resolving to defend it, or die there. The Siege was carried on very resolutely, the *English* and *French* Armies made their approaches on a sudden; so that the fear of loosing this strong place, caused the Archduke to endeavor to raise the Siege by assaulting them in their Trenches. *Turenne* confided in his own strength, therefore when he heard of the Enemies approach, he marched bravely out of his Camp to meet the Archduke, the victory declared for the *French*. In this encounter, it was the unhappiness of the *English* to fight with their own Countrey-men. In the *Spanish* Army, the Noble and Courageous Duke of *York*, a Prince of an invincible resolution, was entertained by the *Spaniards* as one of the best Commanders of that Army.

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That wise Nation, as well knowing in Men as in Affairs, would not suffer so great a Courage idle, in time of War. If I might have the liberty in this succinct Narration, I could give an account of the most heroick actions of his Royal Highness; insomuch, that *Turenne*, and the other Generals, have often confessed him to be the ablest and most skilful Commander of the World. His Courage and Wisdom had not that success that could have been expected at this time; for the *English* Regiments under my Lord *Lockart*, especially that of Colonel *Alsop*, beat back the *Spaniards*, and pursued them over the Sandy Hills, with a great slaughter. This victory was due chiefly to the courage of the *English*, the fifteenth of *June*, 1658. After the Retreat of the *Spaniards*, the *French* Army returned to the Siege, where the Marquess of *Leda* was killed with a Bullet. After his

his death the Town began to listen to terms of Surrendring, which were agreed on the Two and twentieth of *June*.

The King entered into the City, to take possession of it, afterwards he delivered it up to my Lord *Lockart*, for the use of the *English*, whose Blood and Valor had got it from the Enemy. *Bergues*, *Furnes*, and *Dixmuyde*, yielded also to the Kings Summons, so did *Oudenard*. *Ypres* staid for a Siege, and when the Prince of *Ligny* had gathered the Relicks of the Dispersed Army, beaten before *Dunkirk*, he labored to raise it; but was beaten off with loss by *Turenne*, who took afterwards *Menein*, and many other small Castles.

At that time *La Ferté* assaulted *Gravelin*, but could not recover it in a Moneth, for the Garrison was strong and resolute. Many brave Actions hapned in this attempt, the besiegers

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besiegers and besieged, behaved themselves very gallantly; at last they capitulated upon honorable terms, the Eight and twentieth of *August*.

In the interim, the Dukes of *Modena* and *Naxailes*, took *Mortera* for the *French*. This first hath always been devoted to the Crown of *France*.

The *Spaniard* endeavored to take from the *French*, some little places which they recovered; but it is certain, that the *Spaniard* was the greater loser. Therefore the Princes of the Empire assembled, together to consult about the choosing of another Emperor at *Frankfort*, sent to desire his Majesty of *France*, to hearken to an Accommodation. The King of *Spain*, *Philip the Fourth*, had caused some Overtures of Peace to be made by the Popes Mediation. The *French* Court entertained them willingly

lingly upon condition of a match, between the young King, and the *Infanta of Spain*. When the King was at *Lions*, an Envoy came to him from *Madrid*, about this Negotiation. The Cardinal had orders to have a private Conference with him, to make way for the Ambassadors *de Lionne* and *Pimentel*. The first was dispatched away to *Madrid*, the second went to *Paris*. They dealt so effectually, that all Differences were composed, Articles were concluded, and the great breach was made up, to the satisfaction of both Princes and Kingdoms. The Queen-Mother was not a little useful in this business; for when the Cardinal did seem to put in some Demurs, she declared, That the Peace should be made without him, for that she was resolved, that her Son should match with one of her own Kinred.

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The Kings indisposition had almost ruined this Affair, for he fell dangerously sick; but he recovered after a few days distemper. Afterwards he made a progress into the farthest confines of his Kingdom; for there had been some discontents and disorders about *Lions*, *Burgundy*, and *Provence*, which could not be terminated without his coming. When he was at *Lions*, the Duke of *Savoy* came to wait upon him. This Prince is so near a Neighbor to *France*, that he is forced to keep his friendship, for fear of loosing his Principality; which hath been several times in great danger to be swallowed up, by this great Monarch, at the least distaste.

In the mean time, the *Spanish* gravity was very slow in concluding the Peace; that Court trifled away the time in Consultations and Meetings, whilst the Spring of the next year 1659. was coming on apace.  
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Which caused the King to give order for new levies of Soldiers, to appoint Generals and Commanders, as if he had intended, to prosecute the War as vigorously as before. This made the *Spaniard* desire a Truce of four Moneths; from the eighth of *March*, to the third of *July*, which was granted the King, That it should continue till his Declaration to the contrary ordered.

In order to a Peace, *Mazarin* went to *Bayonne*, and *Don Louis d'Aro de Gusman* came to *S. Sebastians*, to treat more commodiously. These two Plenipotentiaries at last concluded and signed the Articles the seventh of *November* next ensuing. The Inhabitants of *S. Sebastian*, of *S. John de Luz*, and of the Neighboring Cities declared their satisfaction and joy, by Bonfires, and other publick signs.

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Whilst the business was in debate, the French Court was at Bourdeaux and Tholouse, that it might be sooner consulted in all difficult Matters. After the conclusion of the Treaty, the French King sent a Procuration to Don Louis d'Aro, to espouse the Infanta of Spain in his name. The Marriage was performed in Fontarabia in the presence of the Court of Spain, the third day of June. The two Kings met in the Isle of Conference, situate between both Kingdoms, where the young Queen was delivered to her Husband, and both Kings swore to keep, and confirmed to one another the Treaty of Peace.

After this interview, they separated; the French King and Queen was received at S. John de Luz, with much pomp and Joy; and in their journey to Paris, every good City in their way expressed their extraordinary satisfaction, for the Marriage

age and Peace between the two Kingdoms. But their Reception at *Paris*, was one of the most glorious Ceremonies, the most splendid Triumph of our Age. The young Queen was carried in an open Chariot, shining with all the riches of the *East and West Indies* ; she was attended upon by the whole Court, in their greatest splendor and glory. The People, the Clergy, and the Nobility, did welcome her with such expressions of joy, that they are not credible.

In the beginning of the next year 1661. on the ninth of *March*, the great Minister of State, Cardinal *Mazarin*, paid his last debt to *Nature* , having, by his policy, raised himself and family from a low beginning, to the greatest honors in *France*.

The Court was pleased to Mourn for him, but they quickly cast off their sad attire, when Monsieur of *France*

France resolved to marry with the Princess of *England*: A Lady, very well accomplished in *Beauty* and *Vertue*. The publick ceremony was performed on the One and thirtieth of *March*.

There hapned nothing remarkable this year, till the latter end. The first day of *November*, the *Dauphin* of *France* was born, to the great joy of all that Kingdom, Monsieur *de Montausier* was appointed to be his Governor.

One thousand six hundred sixty and two, the King made Seventy two Knights of the Order of the *S. Esprit*; all Persons of the greatest Nobility, and approved valor. In the same year there hapned a difference between the Ambassadors of *Spain* and *France*, about precedency, in the City of *London*. The *Spaniards* were prepared to receive the *French*; so that the tumult was great, and some Bloodshed on both sides.

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The *French* sent their Complaints to *Madrid*, the King gave them satisfaction, and forbad all his Ambassadors for the future, to appear in any publick solemnity with the Ambassadors of *France*; for they claim a precedence in all Courts of *Europe*, unless it be in *Vienna*, where the House of *Austria* are Lords. The King of *Spain* preferred in this occasion, the Peace and Quiet of his Kingdoms to this odd *Punctilio* of Honor.

This year was spent in Sports and publick Divertisements of the Gentry and Nobility at Court, till the Moneth of *November*. Then the *French* Ambassador in *England*, had Orders to demand the restitution of *Dunkirk* to the *French*, for a sum of Money, according to their pretended Agreement with *Cromwel*. It was generally supposed by the wisest in *France*, that the *English* would never part with a place so well fortified,  
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by their late industry, purchased with the Blood of many of their bravest Men that took it, and so handy and commodious to them, both in Peace and War; and that therefore there would be a dispute between the two Nations, for the recovery of it. But it hapned otherwise, to the Universal Sorrow of all our people, *Dunkirke* was surrendered, and the *French King* made his entry into it the second day of *December*.

There had been a Treaty between the old Duke of *Lorraine*, and this young King, by which the Duke made over to him, all his Right, Title, and Interest, in the Dutchy of *Lorraine*, for some Lands in lieu of it; and for the priviledge of being declared Heir to the Crown of *France*, in case the Family of *Bourbon* did fail. This Agreement had been made the sixth of *February*, 1662. and confirmed

in the Parliament of *Paris*, in the Moneth of *March*. So that the *French* seised upon all the Cities and Countrey of *Lorraine*, only the strong Town of *Marsal* remained in the Dukes hands, who seemed unwilling to deliver it. Besides the young Prince *Charles* of *Lorraine*, was supposed to have won the Soldiers there in Garrison, therefore they would not surrender it upon Summons.

This affair caused the King to travel into that Countrey, with a sufficient Army, to reduce it to his obedience, commanding that *Marsal* should be besieged without delay. His sudden motion surprised the Duke, and found him unprovided; therefore he went to meet his Majesty at *Metz* in *Lorraine*, to submit himself unto him. The King received him very generously, and made him welcome; *Marsal*, according to Agreement, was put into  
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the *French* hands, on the third of September, 1663.

A little before, the *French* Ambassador Monsieur *de Crequi*, had been affronted, and in danger of his person, in the City of *Rome*. Some of the Popes Guards shot into his Coach, and wounded his servants. When the Court of *France* heard of it, the King commanded the Popes Nuncio, then at *Paris*, to depart out of the Kingdom, and sent for his Generals, ordering them to prepare for a War. *Alexander* the Seventh did then sit in *S. Peters* supposed Chair. He sent immediately, upon the news of the coming of the *French* Army, an Express, to assure his Majesty, that he was much dissatisfied with the deed, and that he would give him all the satisfaction that he should desire. The City of *Pisa* was pitched upon to examine and discourse of this affair, where the Popes, and the *French* Deputies,



concluded it the Twelfth of *March*, 1664. to the great joy of the *Roman* Catholicks. The Pope yielded to his own dishonor, that his Nephew *Flavio Chigi* should wait upon the King, and beg his pardon, that a Monument should be erected in the very place, for posterity to gaze upon, with an Inscription, declaring the cause of its standing there. This was performed accordingly; but the zeal of the *French*, for their King, and their concernment for his honor, is very remarkable in this occasion. The Parliament of *Aix* hearing of the affront given to the *French* Ambassador, and the Kings resolution to revenge it, made some levies of Men of their own accord, and marched to *Avignon*, where they drive out the Garrison, they surprised *Carpentras*, and all the Popes Territories near them. This action gave the King and Court great satisfaction, and facilitated an Agree-

Agreement between him and the Pope ; for the *French* are not so wedded to their Superstitions, as to be so much afraid of the Popes thunderbolts as in former ages. It would become the wisdom of the Politicians of this Nation, to shake off the Popes burdensome Fetters, and establish a Patriarch of their own. There wants nothing else to make their King an absolute Monarch. Some of the *Jansenists* have attempted to perswade their Clergy to it, I hope God will one day open their eyes, to perceive their slavery to *S. Peters* counterfeit Keys, and to oblige them to use that liberty unto which Providence invites them.

At the same time, that the Cardinal was in *France*, the Emperor desired the Kings Succors, to help him against the *Turks*, who had invaded his Dominions. This motion pleased the *French* humor, for they

would be thought to be the Champions of Christianity against the Infidels. The King ordered, as some say, about Ten thousand Men to march under the command of Monsieur de Coligny, and Monsieur de la Fueillade, who is now Duke of Roannez. This Army joyned with the Imperialists about the Moneth of June, 1665. they found out the Turks Army, and encountered with them twice. It is certain, the French behaved themselves very gallantly in this expedition; so that the Enemies were worsted, and in their retreat, over the River of Raab, they lost about Five thousand Men that were slain, Sixteen pieces of Cannon, and about One hundred and fifty Colours were taken, with much of their Baggage. The rest of their Army fled, not being able to withstand the Christians valor.

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The Queen-Mother of *France* fell dangerously sick, and died the Twentieth of *January*, in that ominous year One thousand six hundred sixty six. She was much lamented in *France* and *Spain*, for she was an excellent Princess.

At this time there was War between the Crown of *England*, and the States of *Holland*. Their Fleets had had a brush at Sea, where the brave Duke of *York* adventured, in person, against their Squadrons, more in number then ours. *Opdam* their Admiral was blown up, and after a sharp fight they fled to their own Coast, to carry thither the sad news of their defeat, and of the loss of many Ships taken by the *English*: When the *French* saw that the *Hollander* was likely to be worsted, he pretended an obligation to defend them; therefore he declared War against us, not so much with an intention to assist the

*Hollander* by Sea, as to stand by with his Fleet, and judge of the blows. However, the countenance of such a Prince, dreadful to all the World, because it was not known yet what mischief he could do, helped them very much.

The *French* made no attempts upon us at home, unless it be upon our industrious Merchants, who lost some Goods and Ships at Sea. But in the *West Indies* their treachery and cruelty were remarkable in the Island of *S. Christophers*, where the *English* and *French* Plantations had lived in Peace and Amity several years, they supposed our *English* would endeavor to drive them away, after this breach between the two Nations. To prevent therefore that which the others had no design to execute, they fell upon them unawares, and massacred their Neighbors, to their eternal shame, plundering all their Goods, and  
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rifling their habitations. They seized next, the Islands of *Antego*, *Tabago*, and *S. Eustache*. Our Men resolved to revenge these outrages upon those of *Guadeloupe*; but the Fleet that set forth for that intent, was dispersed by a terrible *Hurricane*, and some of our Ships were broken and shipwrecked, amongst the *American* Islands, to the great disappointment of the *English*. This War between *England* and *France*, continued till the year 1668. the Peace was concluded at *Breda*; for the *French* had no quarrel with the *English*, but only as was pretended in defence of *Holland*.

The truth is, the King did not care to have two Enemies upon his back, at once; he was resolved to take into his possession some Towns in *Flanders*, belonging to the Crown of *Spain*; he was glad that His Majesty of *England*, would let him alone, and not intermeddle in this

Affair. The pretence to colour the invasion was, that some Articles of the Treaty of Marriage were not performed by the Court of *Spain*. The King, by his Ambassador at *Madrid*, acquainted them with his demands, but they neglected to give him satisfaction; this caused him to publish his *Manifesto*, to justify the seizure of those Lands and Towns which, he said, belonged to the Queen, by agreement at her Marriage.

At the end of *May*, 1667. he entered into *Flanders* with about Thirty thousand Men, well furnished. The first Garrisons were forsaken, as *Armantiens*, *La Bassée*, *Condé*, and *S. Guilbain*. *Bergues* and *Furnes*, were yielded up to the *Mareschal d'Aumont*. The King commanded *Charleroy* to be rebuilt and fortified, that it might serve as a Bulwark against *Flanders*. *Tournay* was besieged and assaulted, but  
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could not stop the impetuous torrent of the *French*; that carried, at this time, all before them. *Donay* waited for their coming, its Governor had the meen to stop the *French* progress: But upon his Majesties Summons, he obeyed, and sent him the Keys. *Courtray* was taken in four days; *Oudenard* and *Alost* were quickly frightened into a compliance with the *French*. *Lille* was the next Garrison that had the unhappiness to be in the *French* Kings way. The Governor of this place had the reputation of a brave Commander, he had under him 800 Horse and 4000 Foot in Garrison, and was resolved to defend it. Therefore the King came before it with his whole Army, laid siege to it, and, after a very stout resistance, obliged the renowned Governor to save the rest of his men by yielding up the Town, upon honorable terms. The King made his entry on the Eight and twentieth



twentieth day of *August*, One thousand six hundred sixty and seven.

During the siege, the *Spanish* Commanders had raised a small Army, with an intent to Assault the *French* before *Lille*. *Marcin* was at the Head of these Troops in his march, when *Cregny*, *Rouvray*, *Lillebonne*, and *Bellefonds*, met with his Cavalry, in two several Rencounters, and broke his design. For these Captains had so disordered his Men, and scared them, that they could not be perswaded to attempt upon the *French* again without more assistance.

After this Campaign, the King went to *Paris*, and in the first appearance of the Spring. One thousand six hundred sixty and eight, he gave order to his Armies to march towards the *Franche Comte*. The Prince had the command of this expedition; but when the Inhabitants understood it, they sent to his Majesties

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jesties Deputies, to treat of yielding to him, to prevent the spoils of an Army. Whilest the Deputies delayed, the Prince, with his Army, being ready, went streight to *Besancon*, where he encamped. On the sixth of *February*, it was surrendered into his hands; some other Towns were taken without resistance, and *Salines* was seized upon suddenly. At that time his Majesty was come to his Army, which he caused to draw near to *Dole*, a place well fortified and furnished with Men and Cannon, which caused the Inhabitants to stand upon their Guards, and think of a resistance; but when they saw that the *French* had possessed all the Outworks in one night, and lodged themselves under their Counterscarpe, they accepted of his Majesties offers, and sent him the Keys of their City.

All these places were taken in twelve days, to the great astonishment

ment of all Neighboring People.

There had been some overtures of Peace made the year before: To prevent the conclusion of them, the King appeared with his Army this year so early in the Field; for the *Dutch* had threatned him, by their Ambassador, to joyn with the *Spaniard*, if he would not hearken to an accommodation. This Speech, together with the Resolution of his Neighbors, of rising up in Arms against him, brought forth the Treaty of *Aix la Chappelle*: Unto which place, *Colbert* was sent as an Extraordinary Ambassador, to meet with the Ministers of the Mediating Princes. It was signed the sixth of *May*, and sent to be published at *Paris* and *Brussels*; but the *French* King was mightily offended at the *Dutch*, who had forced him, against his will, to this conclusion of Peace; therefore in due time he was resolved to find an occasion  
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to punish them for their sauciness.

In the mean while; the Nobility and Gallants of *France* that had prepared their equipages, for the next Campaign, when they saw themselves disappointed by a hasty Peace, resolved to venture abroad in Foreign service. *Fame* had told them of the long Siege of *Candy*, by the *Turks*, and that these Infidels did daily win upon the besieged by their numbers; therefore the greatest Zealots of them resolved to hazard their persons for the releif of that noble City belonging to the *Venetians*. The Duke de *Roannez*, the Count of *St. Paul*, the Duke de *Chateau-Thierry*, the Chevalier de *Harcour*, with many other brave Adventurers, voluntarily ingaged themselves in this expedition. It is certain, that they behaved themselves with all the gallantry that could be expected. At  
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their return, they acquainted the King with the condition of the place, and the strength of the *Turks*.

This perswaded his Majesty, together with the Sollicitations of the *Venetians*, to send over thither the Dukes of *Beaufort* and *Navailles*, with about 10000 Men, to see whether they could raise the siege. All the World expected a Success answerable to the *French* courage: At their first sallying out upon the *Turks*, they beat all down before them; but when the *Turks* saw their vigor abate, they charged furiously upon them, and routed them, forcing them back into the City Walls. *Beaufort* himself was lost, and killed, as it is supposed, in the rout, but his body could not be found afterwards.

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Soldiers ; for Commanders of his rank and quality, are to be mindful, that the safety of the whole Army depends upon the preservation of their lives : They are never to hazard themselves in the Front of a Battle, but when their presence is necessary, to give courage to their fainting Soldiers, or to add more vigor to them, when the victory is almost in their hands. After the defeat of the *French*, the besieged City was yielded up to the *Turk* General, upon very favorable conditions.

The King had intelligence about the end of the year 1669. that the Duke of *Lorraine* did endeavor to stir up the Emperor and King of *Spain*, against him. This caused him to send the *Mareschal de Creguy* with an Army of 18000 Men into *Lorraine*, to take in that Countrey. The Duke seized upon *Pont a Mousson*, and pulled down the Walls. *Epinal*

*Epinal* and *Chaté* held out a little, but they were, at last, Surrendered up into his hands, and the old Duke was driven out of all his Principality.

This year 1670. the King visited his new conquered Towns in the *Low Countreys*, repaired their breaches, restored their Fortifications, and put them all into a good posture of defence. But that which was remarkable in this progress, the King had no extraordinary *Militia*; he trusted so much these new Subjects, that he entered into all their populous Towns, attended only by his household Servants, and usual Guards.

This got him the love and respect of the *Walloons*, and secured him the hearts of his people, as well as the Walls of their Towns.

About this time, a King of *Guinny*, who lives at a City called *Arda*, sent an Ambassador to *Paris* to treat about

about an establishment of a Trade, between that place, and the Islands of *America*, under the *French Scepter*. The King entertained him, and his motion, very kindly, and sent him back with Tokens of his liberality.

There had been an Order of the Kings Council published, by which certain Wares of the *Hollanders* were prohibited in *France*. They labored, by their Ambassador, to perswade the King to revoke this Order; but in vain, for the King was now resolved to revenge himself upon them, for their insolent carriage towards him, and his people, in the *West* and *East Indies*, and in many Foreign Countreys; where they had ingrossed all the Trade to themselves.

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an unsufferable Pride, and a haughty carriage, not to be endured by Crowned Heads. They had exercised their cruelty upon the Subjects of both Kingdoms beyond the Seas, and had seized upon their Goods, affronting thereby their Princes who are engaged to protect them.

These, and other unjust practices, as was pretended, obliged the *French* to prepare for War: Therefore in his Progress in *Flanders*, he visited himself the Fortifications of all his Frontier Towns, and caused the weakest places to be fortified with new Works; from *Dunkirk*, he went to *Amantiers*, from thence to *Lille*, to *Courtray*, to *Aeth*. He found that Monsieur *de Montal* had strongly repaired the Walls of *Charle le Roy*; for which, he highly commended him.

Before the War was proclaimed, Madam *de Orleans*, the only Sister alive,

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ive, of our Gracious Monarch, came over here into *England*, to visit the King, and the Duke of *York*. She was received with all the expressions of kindness, that *Nature* had require, and her Vertues deserve. But as all our satisfactions are momentary, she had no sooner seen these dear Relations, but was forced to leave them again, and return over to *France*, where she died so suddenly, that most men entertained the bad reports that were raised about her death. However, the Court of *France* honored her Birth and Vertues, with an outward Mourning, and the Duke of *Orleans's* countenance seemed to be very sad and pensive, until the King had cheared him up with the thoughts of another Wife. The Daughter of the Prince *Palatine* of the *Rhine* was pitched upon; the *Mareschal du Plessis* was sent to espouse her in the Dukes name, in the City

City of *Metz*, the sixteenth day of *November*. The Duke himself went as far as *Chalons*, to receive and welcome her : The King, the Queen, and all the Court expressed their joy and satisfaction for her safe arrival ; and about a year after, she was brought to Bed of a Son.

All this while, the War was preparing against *Holland*. *England* and *France* were to unite their Forces, by Sea and Land. On the seventh day of *April*, 1672. the King published his Declaration, to forbid all Commerce and Trade with the States of the *United Provinces* ; and immediately after, appeared at the Head of an Army of One hundred and fifty thousand Men, with whom he carried all before him in the *Low Countreys*, as a violent torrent : Nothing was of a sufficient resistance for so great a power ; every one did judge, that he would win all the other Towns, the following Spring.

if there were not a stop put to his undertakings. But the motion of the *French* is always violent at the first, and then at the least discouragement, it begins to abate. The Dutchy of *Cleves*, the Electorate of *Callen*, the Dutchy of *Limburgh*, the County of *Zutphen*, *Utrecht*, and its Territories. *Holland*, *Brabant*, *Overissell*, the *Oriental Frieze*, *Groningen*, and the Dutchy of *Geldres*, were full of *French* Troops, on a sudden. *Orsoy*, *Vesel*, *Burick*, and *Rhineburgh*, that had been so strongly Garrisoned, that the *Dutch* thought them to be the Bulwarks of their Land, were surrendered at the first appearance of the Kings Standard. *Reez*, *Emmerick*, and *Groll*, were delivered to the Bishop of *Munster*, who had taken up Arms to vindicate the *French* quarrel.

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undertaken by the Count *de Guiche*, at the Head of Two thousand Horse, he swom over it, although three Squadrons of Horse, and some few Foot, were ready to receive him on the other side. When the *French* had recovered the Bank, they charged so desperately, that the Enemy was disordered, and fled to their Foot for succor. They had Barricadoed themselves in, but when the Prince, and the Dukes of *Orleans* and *Longueville*, were got on the other side with their Infantry, they resolved to assault them in their Trenches. The Prince desired to march in order against them, but some of his Men were so furious, that nothing could keep them in. The Duke of *Longueville*, in a rage, went forward with the Prince, that the Duke was killed, and the Prince wounded in the left arm, with many more laid up on the ground.

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When they saw the whole Army surround them, they desired quarter, which was granted by the Prince, by that means they yielded, and were all taken prisoners. It is not good to render an Enemy desperate, a small company in a danger have won the victory; therefore the Prince freely offered them their lives.

This Action amazed the *Hollander*, and astonished the Prince of *Orange*, who expected the Kings Army another way. *Harnen* was taken by Monsieur de *Turenne*, *Nimwegen* and *Schenk* also. *Diesbourg* and *Zutphen*, were surrendered into his Majesties hands, and the City of *Utrecht* sent Deputies to yield it up. Monsieur de *Luxemburgh* was sent thither to take in all the places about *Utrecht*. After this, *Turenne* recovered *Crevecœur*, *Coërdon*, *Grave*, and *Bomel*; so that almost all the Inland Countrey

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Of our *English*, Twenty four Persons of Note were killed, with three of the *French*. Amongst the rest, a Gentleman, so Courageous, Learned, Civil, and so well accomplished, that I cannot but mention him in this place : It was Mr. *Clement Cotterel*, Sir *Charles Cotterels* Son. About fifteen Gentlemen were desperately wounded, seven hundred Common Soldiers and Seamen killed,

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The Duke of York, in this Engagement, behaved himself as a discreet and wise Commander, with an undaunted Courage.

It is supposed, that if our whole Fleet could have had the convenience of fighting, the Dutch had been for ever undone ; but the Wind hindered most part of our Ships from coming up to them ; so that the Blew Squadron was forced to ingage with the Enemy alone. The Dutch had great loss of Men and Ships ; it is thought about five or six of theirs, besides the Fire-ships were sunk : It is certain, that our Fleet pursued them to their own Coast.

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*Groningen* had been besieged by the Mercenary Weather-cock of *Munster* ; but in the Moneth of *August* he left the Town, after a considerable loss of his Men. The good Bishop was moved with compassion to see his Soldiers slaughtered by the stout-hearted *Dutch* ; so that he preferred their safety, or it may be his own, to the filling of his Purse with *Gilders* ; which was the thing this noble Captain aimed at in this attempt upon the *Dutch*.

The States of *Holland* had prevailed with many of their Neighbors, especially with the Emperor, King of *Spain*, and Duke of *Brandenburgh*,

denburgh, to send their Succors to assist them by Land. The Prince *Palatine* was perswaded, notwithstanding his Alliance with *France*, to enter into the party. They were all resolved to send into the Field their Armies, in the next Spring; for they were afraid that the *French* would not be content with the Conquest of *Holland*, but would inroach upon them also afterwards.

During this Winter, nothing happened worthy of notice, but the loss of private persons, robberies, and small Encounters of Parties, that sought for Plunder and Booties.

In the beginning of the Spring, 1673. three Armies appeared for the *Hollanders*; the King of *Spain* commanded by the Count *de Monterey*, the Emperors by *Montecuculi*; the Duke of *Brandenburghs* by himself; besides the Army of the Prince of *Orange*, who was declared General.

neral at Land, Admiral at Sea, and Statholder by the States. The *French* Army commanded by *Turenne*, marched against the Duke of *Brandenburgh*, who was forced to quit to him all the County of *Marck*, and to leave his Bag and Baggage behind him, for fear of a total defeat of his Forces. The *French* took *Urnia*, *Ham*, *Camen*, *Altenau*, *Soest*, and *Hoexter*, *Bilefeld*, and *Ravensberg*, small places of no strength.

At this time, the *Swede* and the *Dane*, with other Neuter Princes, had desired an accommodation of the differences between the Kings of *England* and *France*. *Cologne* was the place of meeting; all the Plenipotentiaries were sent with Instructions: But although the *Dutch* had so many losses by Land, and by Sea, they would not yield to any reasonable Propositions at first. Their stout hearts were resolved to try

try the Fortune of War, before they would listen to any peaceable conclusion. At last after several Debates, and Consultations, the Peace was concluded between the King of *England* and the States, but the *French* pretentions were extraordinary high, and their Successes great; so that there was no possibility that did appear, to end their differences at this time. But before the Peace was published between *England* and *Holland*, all this Summer of the year 1673. the War was vigorously carried on by Sea and Land.

By Sea, Prince *Rupert* commanded a Fleet of *English* and *French*, One hundred and twenty Sail. With these Ships he attacked the *Dutch* Frigats, under the command of *De Ruyter* and *Van Trump*. The fight was managed with much resolution on both sides: The *French* in the former Engagements had been taught to face their Enemy upon



upon the Water; for they behaved themselves now very bravely, because they could not well excuse themselves. It is certain, the Princes conduct and courage in this, and all other Engagements, have justly deserved the praise of all Men, and the thanks of our Nation. This noble Spirit hath since his infancy, spent his Wit and Blood in the defence, and for the honor of our Country.

The *Dutch* proclaimed Victory at Land, whilst their Ships and Shipwracks complained of their ill usage at Sea by the *English*. They lost eight considerable Vessels, that of *Van Haen* was the cheif, it was blown up by an unfortunate shot. Many were so disabled, that they could not reach into their Harbors. His Majesties Fleet had received some damage in the Rigging, and loss of Men; but not so as to hinder them the next morning, the ninth  
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of May, from pursuing their Enemies to their own Coast. The *Dutch* lost many Men, some of note, and a Ship taken by the *English*.

At Land there were frequent encounters between the *Dutch* and *French*. The City of *Mastreicht* was the chief place of action this Summer: The Count *de Lorge*, and Monsieur *Montall*, were ordered to invest it, the sixth of June: The rest of the Army marched thither to post themselves about this strong place. *Fario* was then Governor, with a very stout Garrison of six thousand Men; the Count *de Monterey* had sent thither two thousand *Italian* Horse and Foot, to reinforce the place. The King himself was in the Army with the bravest and choicest Regiments; and the Noble Duke of *Monmouth*, with several thousand *English* under his command.

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It is certain, the *French* King visited the Trenches, and encouraged his Troops, with a great contempt of the danger. *Fario* had sent him this civil message, That if he knew whereabouts his Majesties Quarters were, he would command his Men to forbear shooting to that place: The King sent him word again, That his Quarters were every where in his Camp. The besieged made a stout resistance, many Men were killed on both sides. It is thought that this Town might have put a stop to the *French* Conquests, if the Burgers had been more faithful to their old Masters, and less careless of their lives and riches. It is certain, that it had never been taken by the *French* alone, had not our *English* spent their blood, and in contempt of all danger, passed with their Regiments through showers of small and great shot, to the Assault.

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We cannot sufficiently admire the courage of the Duke of *Monmouth*, a young General of an admirable conduct and skill in Martial Affairs. He commanded in the Trenches, with an intention to assault the Counterscarpe, and the Half-Moon, before *Brussels-Gate*. He led on his Men with such resolution, that though two or three Mines were sprung up, and the shot fell thick amongst them, they carried the Half-Moon, to the great wonder of all men, in half an hour.

As soon as it was taken, the Duke, with his Party, was immediately relieved by the *French*, upon whom, the besieged played so briskly, with their great and small shot, that they beat them out with the assistance of a Mine, and a stout Sally. When the Duke saw that the *French* had lost what his Men had got, he prepared himself to regain it; which he did with the greatest resolution and

and happiness imaginable. This invincible spirit at the Head of his Party, leaped over the Trenches first, with his Weapon in his hand, only twelve stout Voluntiers accompanied him, the rest followed so furiously, that the *Dutch* were beaten off again, and his Grace became Master of the Half-Moon the second time, delivering it into the hands of Monsieur *de la Fenillade*. So that without flattery, the *French* owe the taking of *Mastrecht* to the courage, conduct, and brave resolution of the Duke of *Monmouth*, to the Blood and undauntedness of our *English*. Sir *Henry Jones* was killed in one of these assaults, which hapned the twenty fourth of *June*. After some other attempts, where our Men were again imployed, the Town desired a Parley the twenty nineth, and in two hours the Articles were granted, That the Governor and Garrison should march out

out as stout Soldiers, their Colours flying, Drums beating, Match lighted, Bullet in Mouth, with Bag and Baggage, and two Pieces of Cannon, and a Mortar Piece. That they should be safely convoyed to *Boisleduc* and *Breda*. The *French* lost 4000 Men, and about 1000 of the besieged were killed. The King took possession of it the thirtieth of *June*, and commanded the Cardinal *de Boiillon* to resanctifie the Churches profaned by the *Dutches* Devotions.

About this time there hapned another Sea-fight, between the *English* and the *Dutch* Fleets, with loss on both sides; but our *English* beat the boasting *Dutch* again into their Harbors, where they left them to complain of their wounds and dead, and to glory in their pretended Successes and Victories.

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During this Winter, many Encounters hapned between the Enemies, and ſome few unconfiderable places taken. But now to the great joy of *England*, it pleaſed His Majeſty to grant a Peace to the *Hollander*, on moſt honorable Conditions to the *Engliſh*.

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Whiles the Treaty was on foot at *Cologne*, the Emperor caused the Prince of *Furstemberg*, Plenipotentiary for the Archbishop of *Cologne*, to be arrested by the Officers of his Regiment of *Grana*, in his Coach, and carried to *Bon*, because he had not maintained the interest of the Empire, as he should have done, he being a Subject.

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This violent proceeding did mightily scandalise all the Ambassadors, especially the Archbishop, and the *French King*, were offended at this violence: For they pretend, that the person of an Ambassador is sacred, and not to be violated by any means. *Nature* hath taught the most barbarous people to suffer them to go and come in safety, who are imployed in quenching the Flames of War.

*Navaigne* was afterwards besieged and yielded to the Prince of *Condé*; but the Prince of *Orange*, had an intent to succor it, had not the besieged made so much haste to secure their lives by a Surrender. *Dole* was also besieged by the King, and taken after a stout resistance.

The fifteenth of *June*, there happened a fight between Monsieur de *Turenne*, and the Imperialists commanded by the Duke of *Lorraine*, and the Count of *Caprara*. The Duke

Duke of *Bournonville* was marching up to them, *Turenne* resolved to hinder a conjunction ; for that purpose, he passed the *Rhine* at *Philipsburgh*. The Duke and Count had but Seven thousand Horse, and a Regiment of Foot, but *Turenne* was Twelve thousand strong. The Confederates behaved themselves so bravely, that had they not been inferior in number, they had forced the *French* to a retreat. After a hot ingagement, which lasted all the Afternoon, the *Germans* sought their safety in a retreat over the *Neckar* ; many brave Men were killed on both sides, some say the loss was equal. It is certain, four thousand Men lay dead on the Ground ; the old Duke of *Lorraine* headed his Troops with so much resolution, as if he had intended to win a Dukedom in another World, by his notable courage.

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The Duke of *Schomberg* commanded the *French* Forces in *Catalonia*; in the County of *Roussillon*, he engaged with them, and forced them to a retreat, with the loss of his Son, and another Gentleman of quality taken prisoners.

The next action was between the Prince of *Condé*, and the Prince of *Orange*, assisted by the Count de *Souches*, the eleventh of *August*, near *Haynault*. The two Armies were resolved to have a brush, which was performed with much gallantry: The Prince of *Oranges* Army lost many Men, and Commanders; and the *French* disputed the case very stoutly; at last they retreated into their

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their Camp, carrying with them many noble prisoners, and most part of the Princes Baggage; leaving the *Dutch* to boast of their empty and sorrowful Victory, in the open Field.

At this time *Grave* was besieged by the *Dutch*: The *French* could not be perswaded to surrender it, till after a long and bloody siege.

The *Messinenses* had revolted from the *Spaniards*, and put themselves under the *French* protection. The Duke *de Vivonne* arrived there, with some Succors, and relief of Men, and Provision. The Inhabitants put them in possession of the strongest places about the City; the *Spaniards*, by Sea and Land, endeavored to plague them. A short conflict hapned upon the Coast, between the *French* and *Spanish* Fleets, where the noise of their great Guns, and their mutual Rodomontadoes, soon terrified  
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them, and made them both willing to part upon equal terms. By this means the *Messinenses* had some Provision brought to them in their urgent necessity.

In *October*, the Confederates, incamped upon the skirts of *Turennes* Army, were forced to fight near *Strasburgh*; they lost three thousand Men, ten Pieces of Cannon, thirty Standards, and many Prisoners; the *French* also had many of their best Men killed. The Confederates retreated to *Spire*, and *Turenne* to the sides of the *Rhine*.

The taking of the Cittadel of *Leige* this Winter, by the *French*, was an accident, that surprised and startled all the World. It was betrayed by a treacherous Governor, and delivered into the Kings hands, who sent thither three thousand Men to remain in Garrison.

This year 1675. the War continues still, all *Europe* is engaged in

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this Bloody dispute, between the *French* and *Dutch*. The *Swedes* have been perswaded, for the *French* sake to enter into the Borders of the Duke of *Brandenburgh*, and in defence of the Protestant Interest, as they pretend, to help the *French*, who carries on the Popes. Therefore they have quartered their Army all this Winter, upon the Subjects of *Brandenburgh*, who hath been forced to draw his Army from the Confederates to stop the *Swedes* violences.

In *May* the *French* King caused *Limburgh* to be besieged, after the taking of *Huy* and *Dinant*. The Confederates were resolved to raise the siege, but the surrender prevented them. Nevertheless the *Dutch* and *Spaniards* have behaved themselves very stoutly in the defence of this Town.

At present the Prince of *Orange*, with his Army, attends upon the

*French King near Ruremond ; Turenne* is incamped near the *Rhine*, about *Strasburgh*, in sight of the *German*, commanded by *Monteculi*. All the World expects to hear of a bloody dispute between them. What end this great quarrel will have, God alone knows ; however we ought to lament at the miseries of our Neighbors, at the Christian Blood that is shed to satisfy the Ambition of a Prince that wants nothing on Earth, but Content. We ought to pray God to preserve our *England*, in Peace and Unity ; and our gracious King, the best of all Monarchs, in health and prosperity. *Amen.*

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